HEARD the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play.
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
"Of peace on earth, good will to men."

AND thought how, as the day had come
The bells of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
"Of peace on earth, good will to men."

TILL ringing singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime,
"Of peace on earth, good will to men."

THEN pealed the bells, nor loud and deep:
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail
The right prevail
"With peace on earth, good will to men."

—H. W. Longfellow.
The Christian Plea

Eld. B. C. Calvert, Evangelist of Mississippi

The eleventh National Convention of the Churches of Christ of America met with the 12th Street Christian Church of Washington, D. C., Aug. 29, 1927. A hundred and forty delegates were enrolled. Many took advantage of the opportunity of visiting the Capitol of the nation. Washington, a historical city, has many wonderful things of attraction. One hour's ride by trolley will take one to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, our first President, which is located on a high bluff overlooking the Potomac River.

Washington City

The delegates availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the Capitol, White House, Congressional Library, Treasury, War Department, Navy, and Agricultural Departments, National Museum, Medical Science Building, Washington's Monument, towering more than five hundred yards in the air. Out of the city across the Potomac River, is a wireless station which sends messages from all parts of the world. Washington has many beautiful parks with statues of many of the great men of history, such as Abraham Lincoln, John Paul Jones, James A. Garfield, Columbus, and many others.

We visited such important institutions as the United States Supreme Court, with the House of Representatives on one side, and the Senate on the other; Howard University, Freeman's Hospital, with all colored doctors; Garfield's Hospital; Soldiers' Home; Trinity College; Dunbar School, which takes up a block; Senate Office Building; Catholic Church; Sister's Home; "National Training School for Girls; Armstrong School; Pan-American Building; Lincoln's Memorial Building which has, on the outside, near the top, all the way around, the names of every State in the Union; the Navy Building, the windowpanes of which, if spread out, would cover forty-five miles; Red Cross Building, United States Court of Claims, and the United States Army Statue. Last, but not least, we visited the home of Frederick Douglas. Everything in this home is kept as they were when Mr. Douglas died. We saw a clock there that looked like bronze, but it was made of wood. This clock was given Mr. Douglas by a friend in Switzerland. Even his old straw hat that he wore about the place is still there. Most of his manuscripts may be seen from the show windows of that home. This house sits on a high hill overlooking the City of Wash-

The Endeavor

The Christian Endeavor Convention was presided over by Elder S. C. Devine who has been its president ever since its organization, but was succeeded by Elder P. A. Gray of Missouri. The Christian Endeavor has made rapid progress under his leadership, and in the last Convention rendered an excellent program. Its officials are:

President, Elder P. A. Gray, Mo.
Vice President, Elder W. H. Taylor, Md.
Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Miss Ruth Thomas, Va.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Mo.

The Bible School and Christian Endeavor Society met with the Convention. This is as it should be for both have to do with young people.

W. M. S.

Mrs. Wm. Alphin, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, who has been in the executive office for a number of years, presided over the Woman's Department. The program of this department was good from start to finish.

The officers of this conventional year are as follows:

President, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Mo.
1st Vice President, Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, Ky.
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Ida B. Taylor, Texas.
3rd Vice President, Mrs. W. F. Thomas, Texas.
Secretary, Mrs. Susan Offutt, Ohio.
Recording Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Justina Spencer, Va.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. E. Mayberry, Okla.
Treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Hensol, Indiana.
Children's Work, Mrs. B. B. Huttsell, Ky.

Church

The Church Period opened with our National President, Dr. Preston Taylor, presiding. He had undergone an operation since our last convention, but the Lord had been with this veteran and faithful soldier of the Cross, and enabled him to hold the greatest convention of his history. We are all proud of and love our National President, and pray that he may live long to lead us on to greater and nobler heights.

Prof. T. W. Pratt, Hon. D. J. Bonner, Elder H. L. Crawford, Mrs. L. L. Devine, Mrs. Ruby Kelly, have, for two consecutive conventions, edited a paper specially for the Convention. This paper is known by conventionists as "The Daily Christian." Three cheers for this group of workers! "The Daily Christian" serves a very needed purpose. Much information of the Convention may be gathered from this paper. From the issue of Sept. 2, 1927, the following is taken:

"The eleventh annual convention of the Christian Churches, opened its sessions at the 12th Street Christian Church, Monday evening, A few details of the program that were opened.

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Address Delivered at the Christian Church State Convention at Century, Florida, Sept. 23, 1927

By Eld. C. J. Bulley, State Evangelist

(Continued from last issue.)

Deceased

It is with profound sadness that I report to the place where I must call the roll of some of our beloved brethren who once worked with us in this grand old convention. Eld. John Davis of West Tampa has answered the roll call and passed into the Great Beyond. Elders J. C. Copeland of Crystal River has responded to the welcome voice that called him from labor to reward.

Sleep on and take your rest. Thy slumber is as sweet sleep of an infant. But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep. Thine is a perfect rest, sleep on. They are only asleep and absent from us a short time; we can only say to them, Good night, not farewell, for we shall soon join them.

Recommendations

(a) I recommend that all ordained ministers enroll in the State convention with $3.00 and all ordained elders and licensed ministers enroll with $2.00, and deacons, $1.50.

(b) I recommend that each pastor see to it that his congregation helps to raise the $20.00 that is due each year to the National Convention.

(c) I recommend that the State Convention elect a delegate to attend the National Convention in 1928. I also see that his fare is paid.

Account of Evangelistic Work

Dear Brethren and Fellow Workers:

In conclusion, I want to say that perhaps I have not come through the past twelve months with the glories, and conducted my evangelistic campaign just as some would have done or thought I should have done, but I am sure of one thing, considering my illness in the hospital, I have done my best.

I want to call your attention to the mission which Eld. Henderson and I organized in the City of Mobile, Ala., last June with sixteen members. The little mission there is beginning to grow. Also the four churches around Cypress and Blountstown, Fla.

Before leaving the state for Alabama, I visited the church at Tampa (New Salem) and preached for Eld. Stone. The church was not doing so well. They needed a efficient leader.

In the afternoon I preached for Eld. E. Johnson who is in charge of our church at West Tampa. They were not expecting me, so there were only a few present.

Sunday night I reached St. Petersburg in time to fill the pulpit for Eld. A. E. Brayboy who is pastoring Mt. Zion Christian Church there. I found Eld. Brayboy with quite a large number waiting my arrival. The church there has certainly put on new life under the leadership of Elder A. E. Brayboy. This church gave me a donation of $4.00.

After service I had a short talk with Eld. W. W. Moorer, Sr., our State president, over the State work and from there Bro. W. W. Moorer Jr., State president of our Bible school department took me to his home for lunch. Sister E. Moorer, his good wife, prepared for me a lovely lunch. Then Brother Moorer accompanied me to the bus as I had to leave that night for Tampa in order to catch my train the next morning for Webster.

I had the pleasure of visiting Crystal River Church in January, but in such bad weather I failed to get a chance to meet our people there.

In Webster, Fla., Bethlehem Christian Church, I left that church in good condition as I have had the care of it.

Amounts received:

Tampa ........................................... $ .40
West Tampa Mission ....................... 45
Mt. Zion, St. Petersburg .................. 4.00
Webster, Fla., Bethlehem ................ 36.50
Sister Oneal, Crystal River ............... 50

Total Amount $31.85
Number of sermons 80

Some Suggestions

1. I suggest the pastors who compose this convention give some of their time to the Bible for the purpose of studying God's Word.

2. I suggest that all the churches composing this body raise money at the appointed time for Foreign Missions and send it to the United Missionary Society.

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ring, with a program rendered by some of the most prominent citizens of Washington. Welcome addresses were delivered by Colonel Ladue, Elder H. H. Griffin, Mr. George Hughes, Elder Leon Worley, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Elder Early Wilfley, Hon. Emmett J. Scott, Mrs. Gabrielle Pelham. Music by the same choir. Dr. Preston Taylor responded to all these welcomes.

SOME PROMINENT CHURCH PEOPLE ATTENDING


Some very informal and inspirational addresses were delivered by Dr. G. K. Lewis of St. Louis, Mo., "Disciples of Christ." Bro. Lewis was at his best, and gave the convention much food for thought.

Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., a real Moses in the Negro Business World, delivered an address that had the right ring. I wish we had more Dr. Walkers. Sorry to say we only have one.

Dr. H. L. Herod, Indiana, Elder R. H. Davis, Ohio, Elder C. E. Craggett, Missouri, Dr. Preston Taylor, Tenn., Dr. J. B. Lehman, Miss., Editor Smith, Elder P. A. Gray, Mo., Elder C. H. Dickerson, Ky., all brought great messages to the convention.

Mrs. Jas. H. Thomas and Mrs. Wm. Alphin were at their best in delivering addresses to the convention. A number of other worthy women read excellent papers.

The official staff of the Christian Plea, our National Paper, is:

Editor, V. G. Smith.
Associate Editors, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, Dr. J. B. Lehman, Dr. H. L. Herod.

Our National Workers:
Prof. P. H. Moss, Elder Wm. Alphin, Miss D. L. Blackburn, Mrs. R. B. Grubbs, all made fine reports. These reports were very encouraging.

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1st Vice Pres., Elder Monroe Jackson.
2nd Vice President, Elder R. C. Calvert.
3rd Vice President, Dr. M. F. Robinson.
Recording Secretary, Elder C. E. Craggett.
Assistant Secretary, Elder J. F. Whitefield.
Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker.
Corresponding Secretaries, Eld. R. H. Davis, Statistical Secretary, Elder B. W. Watson.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
A CHRISTIAN MONTHLY

On account of financial conditions we were compelled to make the Christian Plea a monthly instead of a weekly. While we regretted the change, I am glad doing this, we have a very strong feeling that this will prove a blessing in disguise. We have a feeling that if we can make a good monthly after the order of the World Call we will have a paper that will serve us better than the weekly did. It naturally will have to be more of the nature of a magazine and so much of the nature of a newspaper but that will be a blessing, and it is altogether possible that we will never want to go back to a weekly. But we must remember that it all depends on us. It will take hard thinking and patient work to make it what it should be.

I am asked to be responsible for a page of paragraph news. I will do my best to make it worth-while reading. Others will be responsible for other departments. There is to be a page of short paragraph news. I will send in all the news that comes my way and I hope others will do so also. It will take a combined effort to make it what it should be.

J. B. LEHMAN.

The Christian Plea has supplied the need of the Brotherhood for an organization that can succeed without some kind of a communicational bond in every church. It is evident that this bond has not had the support that it was entitled to and that it is forced to become a monthly instead of a weekly.

While we are to get a twelve-paged paper and doubtless it will equal a weekly, yet we should like to have the visit of the paper more frequently. However, no one is to blame except these subscribers as well as the non-subscribers. Then there are those who have placed in our hands the address of friends who are wholly responsible for the change. A lack of patronage makes a change in every commercial business as well as in the religious world. We have backed to the last ditch. Surely you don't want a yearly paper or no paper at all.

Please send in your subscriptions and the pledges paid in and then you will get all that you are asking for.

PEMLON TAYLOR.

FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Report—Mrs. Hattie Tyree

Prof. R. H. Moss, our National Bible School Secretary, conducted a Bible Institute at the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, Nov. 19-22 inclusive. The lectures were very instructive and helpful to those in attendance. Langely Avenue Church had a good representation each evening. We are always glad to have our National Secretaries with us.

On Thanksgiving morning our pastor, Eld. G. R. Dorsey, preached on Thanks, which was a very inspiring message and in keeping with the day. The choir rendered special music.

On Sunday, Nov. 27 our state evangelist, Elder R. E. Person, was with the Oakwood Boulevard Church. The message was on Model Christians and the sermon was instructive and inspiring. At the close of the message, four were added to the church.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

NOTES FROM THE 12TH STREET CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPORTER—R. E. BROOKS

We looked forward to the National Convention to bring to Washington men and women full of the spirit of Christ, who would shed a flood of inspiration upon the five thousand who were struggling to make a great city.

Our dream was realized when we had the pleasure of listening to the kind, inspiring words that fell from the lips of our noble president as he poured out his soul to us in his annual message. We walked among us uttering kind words of advice, cheer and good will. He also demonstrated to us his great leadership when he induced the brethren to take the next National Convention to Chicago in 1928 and to Northern California as the location of the most strategic field in the Brotherhood if we wish to link up the Great Atlantic Seaboard and the Far Northwest with the other more highly developed work among us.

Then that masterly address which may well be taken as a working chart for the brethren delivered by our learned Brother Davis of Cincinnati impressed upon us and citizens of Washington that we, too, had culture and understanding. Not only culture among our ministers but a tiptop representative in the business world in the person of our distinguished Dr. J. E. Meares who counseled and urged us to support and build up business among our own people.

Members, visitors and friends were all cordially urged to buy the Christian Plea.

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Thecitizens of Washington were made to say that the Christian Church must be a great body of people.

This little band of disciples here did everything possible in its power to make it pleasant and comfortable for our distinguished guests and friends while in our city. If we succeeded, which is for you to say, the only reason is that every man did his duty to the perfect organization of our entire force.

Each phase of the work was performed by persons of the highest caliber. The chairmen of these committees composed an executive committee of thirty men, all of whom were unselfish. Our organization worked perfectly and to this we attribute the ease with which we cared for the National Convention.

The convention proved to be both a financial and spiritual help to the 12th Street Christian Church. Great Impetus has been given to the work of the church. Several have been added to the church because the convention was held here. One or two strong workers have lined up with us and pledge their support.

FOR CHRISTIAN PLEA

We have just perfected plans for a $1000 rally, ending early in the coming year. This money is being raised to help us meet our building fund obligations with headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee, who worshiped with us and brought words of instruction and helpfulness to us. Brother Hankel is a very live, cultured and interesting speaker and we always rejoice when he drops in on us.

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One way to gain that enviable position will be to let the name of the church appear in the Christian Plea. The recounting of various activities will soon classify your church and will give the members a better opinion of the church and its program.

"Why my church is so important that its reports receive continuous attention from the entire brotherhood. I shall have to pay more attention and should consider the Christian Plea Reporter is also urged. These two will supply what is called the Publicity Officials of your congregation. To these shall all power be given to forget the little things that pertain to the placing of the church in an advantageous position in the eyes of the brotherhood.

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The second way to plan for your church on all the local and national level is to plan with experience and ability with a full quota of assistants. The chairman of these committees composed an executive committee of thirty men, all of whom were unselfish. Our organization worked perfectly and to this we attribute the ease with which we cared for the National Convention.

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PROMISING SIGNS

FOR longer years than most of us care to recall we have been having... We have success that it was... voted to continue it this next summer with special efforts to get more persons to take the courses. In **Ohio** the state convention also... voted out $100.00 to be used in... education department.

Are these promising signs?

**The National Convention** has been contributing to the Religious Education Department through its Bible school department.

All of these point to a new era in the usefulness of the State Conventions of all the states and districts. The South has yet to awaken but you may look for them for they will be there soon if not before.

**LOST VALUES**

VI. Prayer Service

IN THE good old days, there used to be a strange sort of institution known as the Mid-week Prayer Meeting. It was a sort of expressional meeting. Every attendant expressed the feelings that in him lay in tones and agonies most stupendous. The usual procedure was... "Song-Prayer-Song-Prayer" until all but the younger ones had either started or "raised" a hymn or addressed the Deity in moans and solos. Now that older generation has died and the disgust that was so much vilified in the prayer meeting by the older participants is expressing itself in the gradual demise of the institution.

First place, there was no variation. The prayers were program affairs that everyone knew before the owner thereof began his harangue to the Almighty. The hymns were the good old ones that needed raising from the dead. *Variety is the spice of life!* in many things but in worship programs variety is the life. Unless there is some variation the whole thing dies.

Second place, there was no place for innovations. As soon try to change the formation of the rocks as attempt to remodel the typical prayer-meeting was the verdict of those who were bold enough to venture. A Bible Study class, a Mission class, a Stewardship study a period of book reviews, a reading campaign, evangelistic instruction never were allowed in the good old-fashioned prayer-meeting. Result apparent—Prayer Meeting is no more.

But, the sad part is that there is nothing to take its place, the urgent need for the prayers of the righteous that availeth much receive no outlet in a public meeting. The average church service uses only men to offer its invocations. So that band of women who prays in prayer-meeting is keeping silent in the church. The need for intercessory prayer is greater today than ever before. The need for petitionary supplication is great. The need for direct communication with a power that is greater than the invoker is colossal.

But the church offers no agency to give expression to this need.

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire. Unuttered or expressed The glowing of a hidden fire That trembles in the breast."

As a saving of this great value that is being lost, there are a number of things that can be done. Few are able to do as some of the institutional churches are doing, having a supper on prayer-meeting evening and adjourning from supper to the prayer service, then to committee meetings, board meeting or choir practice. Thus all is over by nine or nine thirty. Few as I said can do that but the few that can ought to do so.

Another path that is not so difficult is to put each department in charge of the prayer meeting program. And if the Bible School is large then use the class or departmental organization to put on the program. This ought to allow for increased interest in the departmental work of the church as well as interesting those in the prayer services as an important part of church life.

Beside the study classes mentioned above, there might be an open forum on matters of church policy and polity. The pastor or one versed in the matters of church organization and administration would do well to explain the different spheres of activity of the various parts of the church. If he does this interestingly enough it will draw at least the leaders to these meetings.

The prayer services can mean more than audible supplication and expressions of gratitude and when it does mean the prayerful consideration of some useful phase of church activity it will no longer remain a lost value.
Eld. D. D. Davis, Evangelist of the Land of Flowers

Our State Convention, which met with the Bethel Church at Eastman, Ga., is now over. It was held Oct. 20-23.

Mr. A. Davis had with us Eld. Alphin of Kansas City, Mo., and Prof. M. H. Moss of Kansas City, Kan. Our beloved president, W. H. Smith, welcomed these men as brethren and we all enjoyed their instructions each day. Prof. Moss on Sunday, Oct. 23, brought us a great message on when to start dealing with the children and how to continue to deal with them. It was enjoyed by all. Eld. Alphin then preached us a wonderful sermon. We hope that the day will soon return when we can have them back with us again.

Georgia has been sleeping but she is beginning to awaken now to a sense of her duty. She has a larger vision.

Eld. Smith has been president for some time but he and the writer were reelected to the presidency and the state evangelist positions. We did not raise the amount of money that we wished to. We donated Elder Alphin and Prof. Moss $40.00 each.

The spirit of the Convention was good. We ask the prayers of the brotherhood. Georgia hopes to report in the next National Convention.

FROM NAPTON, MO.
REPORTER—Mrs. C. L. Miller

Eld. W. C. Richardson was with us Sunday, October 9, and delivered a powerful sermon on "Baptism." At the close of the sermon, one confession was received. Three were baptized into Christ.

Eld. Richardson has accepted the pastorate here. On Sunday, Nov. 13, he preached a timely sermon on "Friendship, Fellowship and Cooperation." Sunday evening he was greeted by a large and appreciative audience and he again delivered an inspiring sermon on "We Must Lift Up Jesus."

Mrs. Cora Carroll of Marshall, Mo, worshiped with us then.

FROM MAYSLICK, KY.
REPORTER—A. D. Gault

We are moving along slowly. Some of the outstanding men of the state are yet coming to us.

Eld. H. T. Wilson of Carlisle, Ky., came to us on the fifth Sunday in October and preached for us morning and night. Eld. Wilson is our former pastor. We have been without a pastor about nineteen months. We have had several visitors and hope to have more in the future.

FROM GEORGIA

REPORTER—MISS MARY V. Moore

The Oak Grove Christian Church has recently closed a very successful week considering its membership.

There was an entertainment given on Friday night followed by a club rally on Sunday. Two of our state workers were with us and both spoke to us. These were Eld. and Mrs. M. M. Bostick. We were successful in raising nearly $100.00. This money will go for our proposed church building.

FROM WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.
REPORTER—Mrs. Eugenia Harris

Spencer Memorial Christian Church is progressing in each department. We have a wide-awake Bible School. We are getting along nicely in the Christian Endeavor Society. Our young people are striving to increase attendance.

Eld. R. L. Peters, pastor of Spencer Memorial Church, left the city Monday, Nov. 14, for Lockland, Ohio, to conduct a ten-day meeting at the Maple Ave. Christian Church, Eld. W. H. Dickerson, Pastor.

Eld. C. M. Chambers, now pastoring in Bluefield, W. Va., has been in our city for several days and has preached several nights at the Spencer Memorial Church. Our hearts were made to feel glad on hearing these sermons coming from this great preacher.

Elds. Peters and Chambers attended the funeral of Mrs. Biers who departed this life some few weeks ago. She was a faithful and loyal member of the Christian Church at Concord. Eld. Chambers was her ex-pastor.

FROM N. MIDDLERTOWN, KY.
REPORTER—Eld. J. O. Brayboy, Pastor

We have just closed our revival a few days ago that had been going on from Oct. 16-31 with Eld. T. R. Everett as the evangelist. It is said that we had the best revival held in North Middletown for many years.

While we had only four additions, we feel that the entire church will take on new life. Our financial results were good and everyone seemed full of life when it was finished. We had some loyal women who did as much as they could to make the meeting a success.

The preaching closed on Monday night, Oct. 31, and on Tuesday night, Nov. 1, we had the "Silver Tone Quintette" of the Williams singers with us. We had an $88.45 house and there were fifty or more of our white friends present. All seemed to think the program could not have been improved.

The entire effort brought us a sum of $271.00. Let us all patronize Eld. Everett in carrying on our revivals.

FROM SCOTTs, ARK.

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EVANGELISTIC WORK
REPORTER—A. W. Davis, Evangelist

I beg leave to make note of my last evangelistic tour in the States of Texas and Oklahoma. Full report of the meeting was sent to National Convention at Washington, D. C. This will be only a brief note. A very successful meeting at Greenville, Texas, during the month of July, a number of converts, and $300.00 raised.

From there we went to Dallas, Texas, then to Fort Worth, and Ardmore, Okla, and all three meetings were splendid.

I am now in Kansas City, waiting a meeting at Evansville, Ind. I shall then go to Hannibal, Missouri, with Bro. Joseph Parker, who reports a good work in Hannibal. In his last rally, he realized $505.00, $15.00 for state work and $10.00 for the National Convention.

Any church desiring my services will write me at 2217 North Fifth St., Kansas City, Kansas.

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FROM SOUTH CAROLINA
REPORTER—ELD. G. G. McCAY, EVANGELIST
The spirit of the South Carolina Convention which met Oct. 4-9, was of the finest I have ever enjoyed. It seemed that the entire delegation had a renewed determination to do something. All three of the departments, the Bible School, Woman’s Missionary, and Church, seemed to have one mind and that mind was to join heart and hands in the good work and to do more. They each seemed to catch a vision of the larger task.

I want to say that it was no mistake to have with us Prof. Moss and Eld. Alphin. The messages they brought to us meant much to the South Carolina movement. They will always be accepted in this state. I feel that they have done much since in their last visits to South Carolina.

I want to ask the prayers of the brethren for all who are planning to reach our apportionment in national funds this missionary year, 1927-28, with the help of the Master.

KY. VIA THE EVANGELIST
ELD. G. H. JOHNSON, EVANGELIST
Several members from Mayslick and Germantown worshiped with the Maysville mission Sunday, Nov. 20.

We met the church board in Mayslick and set them in order with H. G. Gault, chairman. They are working nicely. This church is on our next circuit and I am looking forward to the work in South Carolina over the top. I feel that most of the brethren in the state will join me in this aim. We are planning to reach our apportionment in national funds this missionary year, 1927-28, with the help of the Master.

FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO
REPORTER—MRS. RUBY T. KILLEY
KENTON AVE.
Thursday, Oct. 27 we held our eleventh anniversary at which time addresses and talks were delivered.

Sunday morning, the pastor was called away but the services were well carried out by Eld. J. M. Cowan, Sr.

Nov. 1 one of our church clubs had a fellowship service. The sermon was preached by a young Baptist minister, Eld. Joseph Patterson. Much good came from this service.

Kenyon Ave. is still pressing forward by the help of the Master and the faithful few.

On the evening of Nov. 11 we were pleased to have with us Judge William Harrison of Chicago, formerly of North Carolina. Judge Harrison gave a talk on “Constructive Building” after a delightful dinner given in his honor at the home of W. H. Hill, one of the leading business men of the city. Atty. J. D. Lockler, Eld. R. H. Davis and Mrs. Dora Banks were present also.

Judge Harrison is the Assistant Attorney General of the state of Illinois. The address was an instructive and inspiring one. The Jones-Hilliard Jubilee Singers furnished music and songs.

Sunday morning, Nov. 13, Eld. J. S. Winborn preached for us from the subject, “God’s Standards.” Eld. Winborn is the pastor of the C. M. E. Church at Springfield, Ohio, where our state convention held its sessions last summer.

FRANKFORT, MO.
REPORTER—PAULINE OFFUTT
Our state field worker of the W. M. S., Mrs. Cammie Doolin, is at home from a workers’ conference which was held in Springfield, Ill., Nov. 11-20.

Remodeling of the building is now under way at the Second Christian Church. The furnace room is near completion and we are looking forward to the pipeless furnace at an early date. Concrete blocks are on the ground for the new pulpit and choir stand.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. is wide-awake these days with fairly good attendance and it is working hard to pay its state and national claims. Mrs. Amy Levingston, Pres.

The W. M. S. has added several names to its list.

Thanksgiving came with annual supper and bazaar and we gave thanks for many blessings.

The Bible School special Thanksgiving program was put on Sunday, Nov. 27. The superintendent was able to get the support of all.

Eld. E. K. Burton filled his regular appointment, Nov. 27.

TAYLOR, TEXAS
REPORTER—ELDERESS MAUDE F. DAVIS
I hope this message will be cool water to a thirsty soul.

You have a sister in this great Christian warfare, who is striving to help Christianize the world. My notification may seem late but was only waiting until I was strong enough to stand alone.

In the beginning God created male and female. God said, “It was not good for man to be alone,” and made Eve. Paul says there is neither male nor female but one man in Christ Jesus. Knowing that I have to live and die for myself being anxious to save some one in Jesus’ name outside of myself, I have shouldered the cross. There is a shaping power behind life and that power is God.

I preached my first sermon Easter Sunday, April 17, 1927. I have just participated in my first revival under the watchful care of my father in Christ, Eld. G. W. Taylor, at Twelfth Street Christian Church, Austin, Texas which I consider a great blessing.

I thoroughly enjoyed my two weeks in Austin. It strengthened me greatly. That little Church served as a solace to me. The church is one where peace and harmony abound. The brothers gave me a banquet Tuesday night Oct. 11, 1927, which was an enjoyable affair. The cream of society was there, the best that Austin afforded. I came back refreshed to my little church in Holland, Texas. We had one accession to our Church in Holland, Sunday Oct. 6, 1927, where I am acting pastor.

Holland is a little village on the M. K. & T. Railway, but with no church building. We worship in the School. A great field for much Christian work has been opened up by raising to raise means to build a church house there by spring. I hope to have a new Church to worship in Easter Sunday.

Mr. Orvil Johnson, the superintendent, has a great Bible School.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KY.
ELD. C. H. DICKERSON, LEXINGTON
“Our Protracted”
Meetings in Lexington grow despite sleet, snow and infantile paralysis ban on all under seventeen years of age. Large crowds heard Eld. J. J. Green each night. Our singers measured up fine. Elds. S. C. Crittenden and Stafford Campbell are in attendance.

Eld. Green’s many friends and acquaintances delight to hear him. He is one of our “Big Berthas” or what the old North State would call a “Swamp Angel.” All points to success.
RUSH—LEAD—READ—ACT RIGHT NOW. THANKS!

To the Superintendent and Other Bible School Workers:

I am now doing what the national Bible School Convention that has just closed one of the best sessions in our school's long career in the city of Washington, D. C., said that its officers and all who do for the promotion and advancement of the schools of the entire Brotherhood. Since I cannot come to you at this season, I am sending to you the Greetings of nearly FIVE HUNDRED Bible Schools writing from California to Maryland. The attendance was great this year in that so many new places sent delegates and money to support our Department of Religious Education. Now, I would be pleased to come to your school and know each SUPERINTENDENT personally but I can't do that at this time. Yet, I must have a fellowship with this fine group of men and women who are doing this splendid piece of Christian service.

Forward Step by the Convention

That I, as your President, may see something of World movements, the convention decided to have a share in world affairs. As you will learn that next July 8-18, 1926, the Bible Schools of the WORLD will hold a congress in Los Angeles, California, composed of representatives from every civilized nation. The National Convention CHOSE me as the person who should go and get the doings of that great body and bring them back for the inspiration of our national work. To do this every Bible School is asked to do its part. This means that each school is asked to contribute not less than ONE DOLLAR. If your school wishes to do more, it has the just right and privilege. Seven schools paid at Washington in order to lead. Now, Dear Superintendent, in THIRTY DAYS, I must receive your order. The date of this letter, mail year contribution to Mrs. Hattie Tyree, 4817 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. To save extra postage, each Superintendent is requested to mail the post-office order out to be paid to T. W. PRATT, 3012 THOMAS AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, but put the order in an envelope and send to Mrs. Hattie Tyree, Chicago. She will send all the orders to me at no further expense. Now this is the first time our Bible School ever had this opportunity. For one time, let every Superintendent in the Brotherhood be in union. In Thirty Days, let every Superintendent send his post-office order. Show how we can cooperate in our national endeavors.

Yours for a great year,

T. W. Pratt, President
MRS. HATTIE TYREE, Cor. Sec'y
MRS. MARY E. TAYLOR, Sec'y
MRS. RALLES LOGAN, Texas,
W. M. JACKSON, Vice President

Appoint your Christian Plea Secretary, next Sunday.

Send name and address of same to 425 DeBalleivre Ave., St. Louis Mo.

ACT NOW

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

By Mrs. Eugenia Harris
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

At no time since the beginning of the world has there existed in the minds of Christian men and women a greater desire for the Christian religion than now. This is not to say that a revolution over the dead nor a time to sleep upon our arms in peace. This is not to say that the religious parasites. It is a time for the lifting of the blood-stained banner of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; as His followers march to the stronghold of sin and error. It is a time when men and women should relieve themselves of selfishness and robe themselves in the flowing toga of Christian kindness and begin laboring in the vineyard for suffering mankind.

There is work, great work, to be done in the Bible Schools not only of North Carolina but of America and the world. And this work demands money. This mission is the gathering of little children into the Bible Schools for the purpose of teaching them the wonderful truths of God's word. In the vineyard and among the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. It is the little children that Christ wants in His kingdom. Surely you may ask "How shall we reach them?" Go after them, go after those who are wandering away from the fold. Go after them with the hope of saving them. Tell them God saved the chief of sinners and surely He can and will save them.

FOR GOD AND CHRISTIAN ENDUER

An address delivered at the Florida State convention, Century, Fla.

By Laura Pulmore, Pensacola, Florida.

I feel very grateful to "him who doeth all things well." We can but rejoice to know how our Heavenly Father has protected our movements during this convention. Many have been the changes since we last met, but out of all this He brought us His great love.

I am sure that we have done all our full duty in making every available effort for the success of this session. Since the last convention we have worked in this world's affairs while others have passed on. Some others have fallen by the wayside. But still we are glad to say that it is as well with us as it is. And it pleased the almighty God, we too might have been numbered with the host that is absent.

I am preparing that we will not allow the banner to trail in the dust but will take on new courage and strength and say, "By the help of God, we will not stop, until we have carried our harvest to all heights." Blessed is he that keep judgment and he that doth righteousness at all times. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all those that have pleasure therein. This work is honorable and glorious and His righteousness endureth forever.

Therefore we should not cease to labor but to continue in all good works. And do not work in our own strength, but say, "Come ye blessed of my Father and inherit eternal life." The Lord is ever mindful of His covenant so we need not fear but to continue in the vineyard.

In the Christian Endeavor and Missionary work, there is bright future. We find more of the world's young people taking on new life and giving more time and study to the work. It is necessary to study that one be prepared to meet the demands of the hour. Talk is not sufficient, neither is money the main thing. Service is the essential. The Master calls for service. "Go also into the vineyard, it is not fair but to work and 'Whatsoever is right I will give you,'" according to the service rendered. The evil of conditions present themselves to us as an absolute necessity. We find our young people led by our older generation living in the limelight of Jazz. The manners and fashions of dress are gradually sapping our moral standards. We should support the Christian Endeavor and Missionary endeavor to reinvigorate the modesty of a decent sort. Constant praying and a willing desire to do right will help to change conditions. We should come out of this world of evil-doers for they shall soon be cut off." God who watches from the air who neither sow nor reap but are fed, will feed the poor and the oppressed. "He shall come as a sure light to them that sit in darkness and in the land of the shadow of death, to guide the feet of the humble, to lead the way of the despised. In this dark hour we have the promise of Him who can bring sunshine where there is darkness and joy where there is sorrow, the duty of each Christian Endeavorer is to scatter sunshine, to lift up the fallen, to cheer the faint, turn the light of God's word upon those grooping in ignorance and darkness. Be ye prepared to change conditions anywhere. Beseach the poor who are not filled with the grace of God, Care for the dying that are without the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Sustain with prayer the life of the dying, Weep o'er the erring one and not rejoice over his downfall. Lend a helping hand to the needy and the forsaken. "Let us therefore follow the things that make for peace and with which we may edify another." Let Love be without dissimulation. All that which is evil must be put away which is good," and I declare unto you as Christians for the one great purpose of goodness and the almighty God, we too might have been numbered with the host that is absent.

To the W. M. S.

I am asking that the societies that observe Woman's Day to get their report in by Dec. 29. If your society has not yet observed the special day, any Sunday can be made Woman's Day. But the sooner observed the better. Report At Once.

The Field Secretary is doing work this month in Mississippi.

Mrs. B. R. Gubbs.
Field Secretary
The funeral was held at the Eleventh Street Church where he had made the good confession under Prof. P. H. Moss, five years ago on Monday, Oct. 24, just six weeks before he left for S. C. I. the first time.

The service was indeed a sad one. The church was filled to its capacity and others were turned away. The program was as follows:

Mistress of Ceremonies—Mrs. M. H. Haygood.

Music—"Nearer My God to Thee"—Mrs. Guess.

Song—"Sweet Hour of Prayer"—Choir.

Obituary—Mr. Edward Griffin.

Resolution for B. S. and C. E.—Mr. A. F. Jackson.

Special letter from S. C. I. teachers—Miss G. Daniel.

Solo—"My Loved Ones Are Waiting for Me"—Miss R. Barnes.

Letter from his College Class—Mr. Nelson Toles.

Solo—"What a Wonderful Place"—Mrs. M. H. Haygood.


After Mr. Nelson Toles read the letter from the College Class, he spoke briefly of the life of James and of the love that has been the natural reaction of all who had known the deceased especially the teachers and pupils at S. C. I. He also spoke of the struggle to save the life but there was resignation to the decree of God.

The pastor spoke from Amos 5:8 on the subject, "From Shadows to Sunlight."

The funeral cortège contained twelve cars of sympathizers. He was laid to rest in the Mason City Cemetery.

He leaves to mourn the loss, his aunt, Mrs. M. V. Wright, who had made a brother, and classmate and a lifelong friend.

He possessed a thirst for knowledge and a love of both student body and faculty members.

He was a member of the College Class. A suitable memorial will be placed here at S. C. I. to his memory.

North Little Rock, Ark.

M. M. Bostick, Evangelist

To the members of the State Board of Arkansas:

The State Board will meet with Oak-Grove No. 1 at Kerrs, Dec. 3 at 10 o'clock A.M.

All members are urged to be present.

Also the Ministerial Meeting will meet there and call the following program in the afternoon:

1. The word "SECT" to be discussed.
2. Is the present-day discipline of the church what it should be?
4. Does the present-day ministry measure up to its duty in attacking the evils of the day?
5. Should we, as preachers, be conservatives or liberals? If either, to what extent?
6. Closing song—"Blest Be the Tie."

I want to say again that the Minutes of the state convention will be run through the columns of the Christian Plea, for three or four consecutive issues, beginning about January.

I truly hope that since the visit of Bros. Moss and Smith with us in conventions and their urgence for subscriptions to the Plea that every family in this great state of ours is reading it.

South Little Rock, Ark.

Rosa Bassett Griffith

The East Vine Street Church of Christ, Knoxville, Tenn., has started with new zeal under the leadership of the new pastor, Elder Hayes from Winston-Salem, N. C.

The different departments of the church are reviving.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, we organized a W. M. S. with twenty-six members.

You will hear from us again soon. Your roommates and classmates and a life-long friend.

Subscribe for the Christian Plea.
In Quest of the Golden Fleece of Cooperation

Eld. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.

I. ON THE RAIL

Saturday morning, Oct. 15, we boarded the Dixie Flyer at Nashville for our journey to the South. We passed through Chattanooga, viewing the beautiful landscape, rivers, and scenes, looking upon the high mountains there and thinking of the "Battle of the Skies." It gave the thought of the days which we spent in camp and on the battlefield in defense of the freedom of our people. A few friends shook our hands at the depot and bade us Godspeed; then our train pulled out for Atlanta, Ga. Again we were reminded of the marches of Sherman and his mighty army for the sea. It was a warm day and the scenery was most pleasant to behold. The skies above us were arrayed in beautiful colors which gave smiles and joy as we meditated thereon.

We reached Atlanta and there we met friends who accompanied us from one depot to another where we were seated before a well-prepared supper. We then mounted our Iron Horse on the great Southern railway for a long and tedious journey. They would not do us so much honor as to provide us with a place to lie down and sleep. We were put in a Jim Crow car where we could hear everything but the right thing and see everything that was wrong and wicked. The night seemed long and dreary. We tried to map out the journey before us; we made notes and read our Book and thought what to do and how we would meet the strangers that we were going to see. You can imagine how our thoughts were broiled thereon.

At 8:45, Sunday morning, we arrived at Reidsville, N. C., and was poured into our windows while our train was galloping over the road at a rate of forty miles an hour.

At 8:45, Sunday morning, we arrived at Reidsville, N. C., and was met by our good brother, O. Zollar. He welcomed us to this city and soon we were seated by his side in a Chevrolet and rode to the new parsonage which he was occupying. It is built by the side of the well-constructed house of worship and every convenience has been provided for that the pastor and his wife should enjoy life with all the pleasure and comfort that money could buy. Mrs. Zollar had a well-prepared breakfast and as I reviewed the table it seemed to me that I could have eaten all that they had and left them hungry but there was enough for all and like the master the fragments were in a bundle and were gathered in baskets.

At 9:45 we were conducted into the Sunday school where an excellently dressed and the best-behaved group of young people and children, taught by efficient teachers and presided over by a superintendent that knew the duties of an officer of that kind, were assembled. As time passed on at eleven o'clock every seat was occupied and some were standing. After the pastor had opened the service aided by a splendid choir with the music from an excellent organ he introduced me and our first talk from a pulpit began at North Carolina. Their communion service and all other services of the hour including their gifts were up to the standard.

After the meeting many brethren and friends called at the parsonage for a conference and acquaintance until we nodded them out of sight and were permitted to enjoy what seemed to me one of the best beds we've ever been in. For here I took off my clothing as well as shoes that I had put on in Nashville. They said I snored so loud until even the dogs answered with their barks. As darkness gathered around us the good pastor announced the evening service. Again a congregation filled the whole house and it seemed that the spirit of the God was in their songs and in their prayers and their very countenances were lighted up. What a glorious meeting closed up the first Sunday on our journey!

Monday morning, the principal of the High School invited us to deliver an address before several hundred high school students. They were occupying a large and commodious brick building. None could excel them in singing and other maneuvers. Mrs. O. Zollar belongs to the faculty of the public school, here we were told that North Carolina excelled all of the southern states in its public schools.

We then turned the Chevrolet toward Kinston, a hundred and twenty miles distant. The roads were smooth and as fine as any that could be built, a beautiful country. The cotton fields were white with the cotton bolls, women and children picking their basketful. The next great product is tobacco.

We are at noon taking dinner in Durham in a five-story building owned and operated by one of the largest insurance companies among our people. It contains a bank that is established at a hundred thousand dollars and that is well patronized by our people in this country. Clerks from top stories were rattling away on their typewriters.

Then on the road to Raleigh. Here is the capital of our good North Carolina. There are a thousand acres in their college campus, surrounding many well-constructed buildings. There capital is one of the most modern in architecture, surrounded by trees and shrubbery that no other country can have but the south. Raleigh is a city of beauty and our people are invited.

Some forty miles distant, we stopped in Goldsboro, N. C. This is the beginning of the Disciples' territory. The Goldsboro school that was recently taught by our brother G. C. Campbell is here. The building is a two-story, large, commodious building, surrounded by acres of well-kept lawns and are a half dozen or more strong congregations of the Disciples located in and around Goldsboro. This is the home of their chief, Elder W. A. Fordham.

We left the many beautiful scenes surrounding this ancient city and twenty-eight miles farther is the end of our journey. We arrived at Kinston about five o'clock in the afternoon. And as we pulled up in front of Elder C. R. D. Whitfield's home, 200 E. Shine Street, we were greeted with many pleasant words and a cordial welcome awaited us. The sons of this veteran Disciple elder was informed far for all of them are Disciple preachers. There were so many of them we forgot to count them. There were three or four, all in the one faith and preaching.

Eld. O. Zollar proved himself to be a chauffeur that need not be ashamed and we were happy to rest on the ground where the great assembly was to meet. We bid you good-bye and more to follow as we learn more.
CHRISTMAS IS HERE

The old rhyme, “Christmas Comes but once a year. But when it comes it brings good cheer,” is one that was often quoted when the editor was young. And for the child this is true. The pleasures of gastronomic satisfaction, the joy of possession of desired objects, the especial attention paid to the child in the home, and the sheer joie de vivre makes this season a time of Good Cheer.

But as the child grows and develops, the joy is there yet but is not so spontaneous and there enters an element of the thoughtful and worshipful. There are thanks for the whole year of life and achievement, pleasure in the reunion of family and kindred, enjoyment of the services that are a part of the day.

Then later in life, this satisfaction takes on the continuous pleasure that comes from making others joyful. The practice of giving gifts, of making visits, of helping the economically unfortunate, and of participating in giving praises to the King and the pleasure of partaking in some worthy effort in benevolence is the occasion of the Good Cheer that forms the real reason behind the Christmas that comes but once a year. —The Editor.

An Offer

The slogan of the Christian Plea has been this, A Christian Plea in Every Home. And to prove that this is really our desire we are making this offer.

To every church that will have sent in subscriptions totalling twenty (20) from Nov. 1, 1927, to February 28, 1928, will be given one gratis copy of the paper to come to the address of some member who is not a subscriber to the paper. Possibly there is a home that is too poor to subscribe and we are so interested in getting the Christian Plea into every home that if you will get twenty families to read the paper for a year during this interval of three months, the Christian Plea will go to that unfortunate. 

If you have twenty-five or more in this period goes 1 gratis. The Christian Plea secretary will be glad to hear this. Also the period over which that extends allows for the sending of old subscriptions that have already expired.

To the smaller churches with less than a hundred members, the offer takes on this form. If according to the 1927 Year Book one Christian Plea is going to your congregation for every five members, you too will get a gratis copy. For instance, if the year book shows 60 members for your church, then you would get a free subscription if twelve Christian Pleas were taken by families of your congregation. Only one gratis copy can go to a single church.

This offer will put the Christian Plea into the home of some one enabled to subscribe or it may be a working goal for the Christian Plea Secretary. When twenty are sent, the Secretary has his subscription free, a sort of bonus for good work.

No six months’ subscriptions will count. All of the subscriptions must expire in the period of Nov. 1, 1928, Feb. 28, 1929.

Renewals, new subscriptions, all count on this offer.

A Christian Plea in Every Home. 1200 subscribers by Feb. 28. This is possible only through cooperation and combined efforts. To the Work!

What of the State Evangelist? Ah! Every State Evangelist that sends in 50 subscriptions in this period gets a year’s subscription. The church also gets credit and will get its one when it reaches the twenty or the one-in-five class.

Recently when President J. B. Leeman made a visit to Chicago the old S. C. I. students in the Chicago Y. W. C. A. got up a banquet where about half of them were brought together at the Oakwood Boulevard Church where a happy evening was spent. They have undertaken to raise enough money to furnish the stage of the new building.

The Mount Bayou Mississippi Church is making plans to build a good church. Brother I. C. Franklin is now their pastor.

Prof. B. L. Jacobs has been going to Jackson, Mississippi, twice a month and the work is on a boom. The new house does not hold them.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

The financial effort of the church culminated Nov. 27 with all clubs reporting. The total effort was $880.00. The club headed by Mrs. O. L. Bridges led with $186.00 to its credit. The day was a disagreeable one but many were out. Dinner was served at the church and a large number took their midday meal there.

Sunday, Nov. 27, Eld. R. C. Calvert began a two-weeks’ revival with Centennial Church. The sudden change of weather has not been conducive to a large audience but the evening services brought over 80 people. The mid-season stride! Over seventy were present and an offering of over $20.00 was raised.

Centennial Church was delighted to offer its building to the Elleardsville “FATHER-SON” Banquet. This was a very enjoyable occasion for the boys and their dads and also gave the church some free advertisement.

Eld. Green, the pastor, held a meeting for Eld. C. H. Dickerson of Lexington, Ky., and “Banks of Old Ky.” fame. Weather, some intermissions, but with a good two hours and all detracted some in attendance. But he reports a very excellent meeting.

While the pastor was away, the pulpit was occupied first by Eld. Cook, secretary of the Elleardsville boys Y. M. C. A. and then Gibbs of Jefferson City, Mo. Both of these are young men but their message was enjoyed by all.

Eld. J. M. Borer, pastor of the East St. Louis Christian Church, was a visitor of Centennial on Friday, Dec. 2, to help the “Mississippi Night” of the revival.

The Educational Committee of the church met Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27. This committee is sponsoring the adoption of the program of work for the Bible School.

The pre-service prayer meetings being held in connection with the revival are enjoyed by many who attend. The only objection is that more men do not appear to take part in these meetings.

Due to the exceedingly inclement weather, the Thanksgiving morning service was not as well attended as first expected, but the service was one that was profitable to all who were there.

The auxiliaries of the church are all at work and will have some report soon.

The unusual delay on the part of the printers is causing a delay in getting the National Convention minutes out. However, the final proofs are O. K. and those interested will have the minutes in hand soon.

FALLEN ASLEEP

On November 2 Mrs. Harriet Franklin, the mother of Elder L. C. Franklin, fell asleep to be awakened only in the resurrection morning. She has gone to her long home.

She connected with Christ and his church perhaps 45 years ago and was a consistent Christian.

Her husband, James Franklin, died six years ago, leaving her a widow under the care of God and her son.

She was buried at the Forest Grove cemetery near Elders N. E. Trecullian and K. R. Brown officiating.

She leaves a son, one sister, one brother and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

—Christian Dispatch.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
THE GREATEST HERO OF THEM ALL

We read of the ones who seals the mount
From the top down to the bottom
But how oft do we take into account
The tools that make up the ship.
We would not discount the Lindbergh sail
Nor any who plotted the trip
But where on earth would they get the
"kale?"
If nobody worked with the hands.
The college man sets the world a pace
With oligies, isms and, grafis
His bulging book and stern face
Make way for the one he quafts
Marconi—Edison—Morse or Bell
What matter what his plans
He'd have a different tale to tell
But for the man who works with his hands.
The two-story biscuit with butter between
And the shoe of "bann and eggs"
The coffee that urges on with steam
Whose cup we drain to the dregs
Could never come from the wholesale shed
Nor the dining room shed
Nor the dining room adorn
And nobody laid the rail.

Pierce Arrows, Paige limousines
Take the road as ducks the pond
And nobody laid them down.

Down the dark damp where the world
Can't see
Where the picks and the shovels shine.

Begrimed with soot and slag and sack
In overalls is my man
Lighted by tapers—led by tracks
He does the best he can
Trot out your heroes far and near
"Bann and eggs" and "kale"
And what would it all avail'
When you have no one to call.

The tools that make up the shop.
Harpers may harp till they fall
Harpers may harp till they fall
And what would it all avail'
You can't retire to the peddle soft
Nor the dining room adorn
Nor any heroic man
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In the Days of Youth

In the days of my youth I will love Him
Because He first loved me,
Then sought in His love till He found me
My All-in-All is He.

In the days of my youth I will follow
My Guide and Keeper true,
And so happy the service beside Him
His will and way to do.

In the days of my youth, in the glory
Of days so fair and bright,
I will mould all my life by His pattern
So true, and so right.

In the days of my youth,
I will follow after truth,
I will follow in the paths of right;
In the steps of my Lord,
In the light of His word,
I will follow in His pathway bright.
Leadership Training

By P. H. Moss, National Superintendent of Religious Education

"The sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially, unless it is redeemed spiritually," —the words of the late Woodrow Wilson.

We are learning more and more that the specific business of the church is to spiritualize the people through worship, public and private, through preaching and teaching, through social service; making Christianity truly a religion of whole-mindedness." Knowing God, Loving God and Obeying God. The church is called upon to organize its program in such a way so as to undergird the whole life of its people. This may be done in the proportion that the leadership of the church is specifically trained. The department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society is putting forth a strong endeavor to train the leadership of the church through its Field Force.

Schools of Methods

The month of June was spent in holding schools of methods in the Piedmont District, Martinsville, Virginia; Kentucky, Louisville; and Ohio, Dayton respectively.

The Piedmont District and the Ohio School of Methods were held by the National Team. This was our first attempt to unite our efforts in such a task. Four members of the team gave full service and one served by proxy. These schools that were five days in duration, reached all departments of the church through its program. The course offered four units of the New Standard Teacher Training; courses in Church Administration, Missionary Instruction, Young People and Children Methods were given. Each evening was given to inspirational addresses. The Kentucky School of Methods was held with the Third Church of Louisville. The Elementary Supt. and the writer associated with the State Supt. (white). Elders C. H. Dieterson, H. L. Herod and others made up the faculty for this school.

Kentucky has had four Schools of Methods up to this time. The first school was held at Paducah, the Trimble Street Church taking care of the expenses. In this first school all the schools in the city had representatives; certificates were issued to twenty-four. The other three schools held at Mt. Sterling, Paris and Louisville, respectively, were sponsored by the Kentucky Missionary Bible School Convention, under the able leadership of Mrs. Mary E. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor has given her best to make the work in her state outstanding. We have much to say about leadership, but fellowship is of as much importance as leadership.

The Piedmont District School of Methods was fostered by the church, Women's Missionary Society and the Bible School. The Bible school department of the Ohio School of Methods made it possible for the holding of the school at Dayton. Both Piedmont District and Ohio are making plans for their second school of methods.

Need of Training

We must reach more of the leaders of the church and church school with leadership training. Let us remember that a school of methods is not a convention, but a school. You are requested to send pupils not delegates. They come for study not fun. The requirement of 500 minutes in class means that in a five-day (ten session) school no absence is possible. In a six-day (twelve session) school, two absences are possible provided the work is made up either by an additional assignment or a conference with the instructor or both.

We hope to be able to announce the courses of studies for another year through the Christian Plea, so that those who wish to attend the next school of methods may secure their textbooks and read them through before the opening of the school.

Application of Training

It is to be remembered that if your state is to profit by these schools of methods, those attending the schools must endeavor to put into practice as much of the things learned in school as is practical. If they do not have the ability to learn something that will help their school and community, let another come in their place that has ability.

Let us make this year count much in leadership training, we cannot afford to let up until the cause of Christ is built up.

"Earnestly seek to commend yourself to God as a servant who, because of his straightforward dealing with the word of truth, has no reason to feel ashamed."

Youth's Number

This number is especially dedicated to Youth.

The front page is one for the young people to ponder on.

Two of the editorials are on the Youth Convention. The third has much in it for the consideration of those who will live longer among the races.

Last, the first Sunday in February is Christian Endeavor Day. Observe it!


As the Bible's ability to inspire me is proof of its inspiration, so my ability to bless others is the proof that I myself am blest.

The gold that adorned the temple was the gift of the people; and the temple that sanctified that gold was the gift of God. We are workers together with Him.
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The plans to release the outlines in the Front Rank for the study groups on the subjects are consumed. The Christian Endeavor Guide for this and next quarter will contain simplified outlines and discussion questions on these four topics. This Convention is open to all regardless of race, color, or former condition of servitude. In fact, this interest has so captivated our brotherhood that at the last National Convention the Pre-Pentecostal aims contained an aim that read "Twenty-five young people in the Youth's Convention by 1926.'"

This convention so far departed from the policy of its parent the International Convention as to elect as its second Vice-President, Mr. Nelson Toles, a young man from the S. C. I. Also on its Central Committee, V. G. Smith, as one of the advisory board of Young People's Secretaries, sits at each meeting. There is not possibility of friction on the line of color. So the only things that are required of the Negro youth in attendance are the general prerequisites of pre-Convention preparation in a study group. These outlines will be released in January. But in the meanwhile the Endeavor Society can well use the discussion questions in the C. E. Guide.

The topics are as follows:

SOCIAL ADVENTURES WITH JESUS
1. Industrial Relations
2. Race Relations
3. National Relations
4. Church Relations.

The order of the day is courage and patience in spiritual adventuring, so prepare to adventure with all the members of our brotherhood next April in the Second Youth Convention.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

February 12 has been appointed by the Federation of Churches as Race Relations Day. The great question of adjustment of peoples is receiving more attention today than ever before and it is well to note the evolving conceptions that are coming from this consideration. The major one is that law cannot compel right relations between the races. A second one is that acceptance of the present status is not practicable nor Christian. And the third result is only by individual and small group revitalization of the concepts of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" can anything be accomplished in this line.

This revitalization can only be accomplished through a wider practice of the principles of Christ through the adherents to His doctrines. So the Federation appoints a day each year for the churches to consider this topic and do something to show the Christian atmosphere in race adjustment.

First, an exchange of pulpits by ministers of the same denomination is suggested. Thus the white minister preaches for the Negro congregation and the minister from the Negro church addresses the white congregation.

Second, a joint mass meeting of the races is put on in the afternoon with speakers from all the available races and an audience of churchgoers of all the churches. This meeting will best be interdenominational.

Third, choirs can exchange for the day's services. The entree to the white church is oftener through the recognized superiority of Negro voices. So an exchange of choirs can be arranged.

WHENCE?

Class integrity is a myth of oratorical souls. Man is NOT so graded in hereditary traits that distinct lines of demarcation can remain forever.

Whence cometh the discontent of the worker?

The urge of the human heart to rise to a place of self-content, the ambition of man to better his state of being, hide behind the stolid countenance of every workman. Self-development and self-expression are potent and persistent desires in the human breast. These are as true of the boiler maker as of the son of the wealthy.

Whence cometh the unwritten principle that to position and possession belong increased responsibility?

Only a thoroughly socialized and altruistic individual will carry his place in the service of the world task. When "To Have and to Hold" changes to "To Have and to Share," then Christianity is entering upon a new era of usefulness in the hearts of men. When rights are subordinated to duties, when interdependence is the recognized symbol of class relations, then the industrial problem is on the way to a real and permanent solution.

A further study of this interesting field of phenomena will be exhibited at the Second Youth's Convention which will meet in April in Columbus, O. Study in a pre-Convention discussion group or special study will admit anyone to the convention discussion floor.

The National Convention's Pentecostal Goals include 23 young people in the Youth's Convention by 1930. Let us make a real start with 15 this year in Columbus.
ATTENTION, FACE FORWARD

There used to be a preacher in Ohio who always made it his business, soon after he took charge, to tell the people of his church all the difficulties the church had for the past twenty years. He always moved on in a few months after he started. The churches had had those old difficulties so long that they had made raw places on their feelings and they became excited when they were stirred into. Whatever made the people of those days of the past made things of the past and he who still harps on them is a dogmatist of the worst type; for dogmatism is nothing but barking up the tree where the coon was ten years ago.

Our country has done many wrong things during its hundred and fifty years. One of these, slavery, revealed a visible evil war to settle. The liquor traffic, a very wicked form of venal commercialism, was not abolished without the loss of many lives and the contributions of millions. But those past are the present. Let us all join in the song. Let the dead past speak no more.

In visiting our Negro conventions in the northern states whenever a Methodist presiding elder or some other distinguished person was called upon to speak, he always directed our attention back to the wrongs of the past, and never held up a challenge to meet present needs. Those old skeletons have been smeared over with political and social prejudice until they will outrage anyone who sees them. Brethren, let us quit it. God is fast moving on in a few months after we are through. It is only through education that the Negro will be able to overcome handicaps, lead his people out of the bondage of ignorance and superstition, and make his contribution to the life of the nation of which he is a part.

Colored people, therefore, while working persistently for the removal of handicaps, should make full use of the educational facilities at hand. Old and young people themselves should allow nothing to turn them aside from their purpose to obtain the best training within their reach. Let us remember in this hour of opportunity the sacrifices which our parents made in the early days, when few facilities and opportunities were available to them.

Parents, send your children to school-to the rural and city graded schools, to the grammar school, to the high schools—where every sensible white person who is ready to the colleges and universities. It is only through education that the Negro will be able to free his mind from the bondage of prejudice. He can bring in new conditions that many do not see now. America can no more build up a permanent segregated class than she could build up a permanent slave class. To meet these new conditions the Negro parents must do far more to educate their children than they did now. The Negro who now takes responsibility must make good. The failure now will set back the better day many decades. Below we give a statement by a prominent man on education.

SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

Dr. James Bond, Louisville, Ky.

Permit me through your columns to call the attention of colored people to the importance of getting their children into the schools at the beginning of the year and keeping them there every day. It will be a sad day for the colored people when they lose the passion for education that characterized them immediately after emancipation and for a generation thereafter. No price should be too high and no sacrifice too great in their efforts to give the right training to the boys and girls that are to follow us and take up our work after we are through. It is only through Christian education that the Negro will be able to overcome handicaps, lead his people out of the bondage of ignorance and superstition, and make his contribution to the life of the nation of which he is a part.

The counties represented, for the most part, were those in which Negro farm and educational demonstration work was done. Of whom there are in the state twelve men and fifteen women. The exhibits grew largely out of their efforts to improve rural conditions and methods of conducting the work. The emphasis in the agricultural building, it packed a space of 20,000 square feet with a remarkable display of farm, home and school products—of Georgia's best rural Negro citizenship. Nine county exhibits were in evidence, many of them elaborate and inclusive; a large number of schools contributed the best work of their pupils; and in addition there were individual exhibits running into the thousands, chiefly beautiful specimens of handiwork and needlework.

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THE TRI STATE ECHOES

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying."—Isa. 30:21

REPORTER—MRS. EUGENIA HARRIS
WINSTON, SALEM, N. C.

We take this method of conveying to you echoes from churches of Christ throughout the Tri States—Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. We begin first, with Elder Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, the mother of them all. She is making wonderful progress along all lines, spiritually and financially. The pastor, Elder R. L. Peters, preached a powerful sermon on Stewardship the first Sunday in October which resulted in 18 persons pledging to give the tenth of all their income to the Lord and the weekly offering has been increased 20%.

The church has recently equipped a splendid basement with dining room and kitchen, where lunch is served on occasions and where several classes in the Bible school are being taught. The Bible school is taking on new life. The teachers of the Adult men and women Bible classes are rallying to get one hundred pupils in their classes by the first of January.

Dr. Preston Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn., stopped over one night in Winston-Salem, on his way home from the Eastern North Carolina Convention that met at Kinston, N. C., on October 17. While in Winston-Salem he met several of the brethren in the office of Elder R. L. Peters and had a very helpful conference with them. Among the number was G. F. Ragsdale, President of Piedmont Convention. Dr. Taylor was highly honored by Gess and McCombs, the popular undertakers of our city, who conveyed him over the city and out to the Winston-Salem Teachers' College, where he met Dr. S. G. Atkins, president and founder of this institute, and was shown over this great plant.

Most of the churches have had their fall revivals and report splendid results.

Elder S. Kney, pastor of North Main Street Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., conducted his own meeting with fine results.

Elder C. M. Chambers of Bluefield, W. Va., conducted revival for Sister A. L. Parks, the pastor of the Church of Christ, Jonesville, N. C. He reports splendid success.

Elder A. J. Washington, our real estate preacher, is making wonder-

ful progress with the churches, namely, Church of Christ at Stuart, Va., and Ninth Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Elder J. W. Jackson, pastor of Philipp Street Church, Louisa Co., Va., has recently closed a successful revival. He did his own preaching.

Elder N. B. Jackson of Concord, N. C., has closed a very successful revival. He was assisted a few nights by R. L. Peters. The church was filled each night.

The church at Richmond, Va., is still without a pastor. Brother J. H. Mason, an officer of that church, is holding the flock together.

Elder C. H. Crouch, pastor of Parks Grove Church in Wilkes Co., N. C., and Elder S. M. Gill, pastor of Piney Fork Church, Leakesville, N. C., have held their fall meeting and report a good many converted and baptized in the faith.

Listen: All churches in Tri State are apportioned as follows: Each adult member, $6.00; children under sixteen years of age, $1.00. Said apportionment covers all convention claims, local and national. Let every church get busy and raise its apportionment. Don't wait until the year is almost gone and then try to raise it. Begin in time.

Madam E. M. Long of Richmond, Va., is President of Woman's Missionary Society and will get on the field first of the year and work in interest of all the auxiliaries of the church. Elder B. J. Ellis is having the members of the church in Concord, N. C., pay their apportionment in weekly installments. Suppose all of our churches try that plan.

SALISBURY, MISSOURI
REPORTER—Rev. W. O. RICHARDSON
W. T. Moss, Died Oct. 6, 1927

After eleven months of suffering and pain, Bro. W. T. Moss, our elder and a faithful one, was called from his post of duty to fill his place in the Great Beyond. He is missed by the church and the community.

His wife, Sister Lizzie Moss, spared no pains in caring for him. We all bow our heads and confess our hearts in prayer for her because she is a worthy woman and true-hearted Christian, a dependable soldier.

Our revival is on and the fire is burning. We hope in Christ's name to burn the devil's camp to the ground and let the world know that God yet lives and the Disciples of Christ are still in Salisbury.

FROM ROARING SPRINGS, KY.
REPORTER—OSCEOLA A. DAWSO
We have just closed a two-weeks' meeting which brought us fine results and great benefits. We were a little disappointed in not getting the state evangelist to do the preaching for us. There were sixteen additions, nine by primary obedience and the others reclaimed.

On Oct. 16 Eld. A. T. Bivens began the meeting. One was reclaimed at that service. The next night the pastor, Eld. A. T. Bivens, arrived from Allensville, where he had been for a few days, to conduct the meeting until the evangelist would arrive. For some reason the evangelist failed to arrive, but nevertheless we are all pleased with the success of the meeting.

Eld. Bivens preached some able sermons, soul-stirring and interesting, and yet ringing in our ears. The preaching of this man of God filled the entire membership with inspiration.

Financial assets amounted to $27.35.

We, the members of the Roaring Springs Christian Church, pride ourselves on having such an able man as pastor. We wish for him long years of fruitful joy, little grief or pain and pray that the great work he is doing is not being done in vain.

CINCINNATI NEWS
REPORTER—MRS. RUBY T. KELLY
Sunday, Nov. 20 was a very busy day at Kenyon Avenue Christian Church. As on each Lord's Day the Bible school started the day off and the church proper brought up the rear. Every pupil from the smallest to the largest did his small bit in putting the Bible School Rally over. The Intermediate Class, Teacher—Eld. R. H. Davis—reached the highest apportionment of $10.36. The total effort resulted in $34.01.

The church too had its final reports from the team leaders for the first big financial effort of the year. All of these leaders made splendid reports. Mrs. Dora Banks, our church clerk, reported $226.70, the highest amount.

Obituary

The Lord in his all-wise providence, saw fit to remove from our midst, the oldest member of the church, Mrs. Martha Smith. The deceased was a worker in all departments of the church and was one well loved by all. She died Nov. 15 and the funeral services were held Nov. 21.

O, friend so dear, for many years
You have shared my path;
But you saw fit years ago
For younger ones to take your place.
The battle you have fought—and won
To thy resting place thou hast gone.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
KENTUCKY VIA THE EVANGELIST
By Eld. G. H. JOHNSON, STATE EVANGELIST

Sunday, Nov. 20 we were in Maysville with our mission. Quite a number from Maysville and German-town were present. We had a great meeting, the first to be held in Maysville since the days of Eld. Buckner. Mr. Owens and Mrs. Campbell are doing their best to support the mission at Maysville. Eld. J. P. Blades is going to give some time to this work.

Next we were with the church at Aaron's Run, Sunday, Dec. 4th. The lesson period of the Bible school was a pleasing feature. I preached for the W. M. S. in the afternoon. This society though young, is doing a great work. Thanksgiving we were with the church at Hustonville. Mrs. Alice Frye is president of this society and keeps it going in the church. This congregation is in need of a pastor. Can we hear from some good man? Write Sam Yowell, Hustonville, Ky. for information.

I am appealing to the people of Kentucky to subscribe for the Christian Plea without delay. NOW is the time.

FROM CHICAGO, ILL.
REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYREE, OAKWOOD BOULEVARD

Sunday, Dec. 4th all the services of the church were interesting and instructive.
The Bible school was well attended with J. L. Brooks as supt.
The morning services were also well attended and the subject was "The Bible, the Greatest Book Ever Written"—Psalm 119. It was a well constructed and very instructive discourse.
The evening services were given over to the program of the W. M. S. consisting of readings, solos, duets and remarks by the home talent and the addresses were by Miss Lois Lehman, a returned missionary from Japan and Miss Mildred Pier, returned missionary from India. Both of these addresses were ably delivered and enjoyed by all present.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Progressive Club gave their annual banquet. The Community House was beautifully decorated in keeping with the season. A five-course menu was served. About two hundred were present. The great talent of the city appeared on the program. Those in charge deserve much credit. Mrs. Nellie Smith is the president of this organization.


FROM CLEARVIEW OKLA.
REPORTER—MRS. L. E. MAYBERRY

The Clearview Christian Church made a visit to the Boley Christian Church a few weeks ago. They took about ten young people with them and rendered some of the selections on the Christian Endeavor program that evening. There seems to be a live Endeavor Society at Boley and they appeared to enjoy the visit and there is the promise of a return visit soon. Our local folk did not think much about these addresses until Nov. 5th, I had a letter from Prof. T. M. White telling me that he was bringing his Endeavor Society to our church and to prepare for the visit. And when they came there were about thirty of them. They arrived in Clearview about five o'clock in the afternoon and we served them with hot coffee and sandwiches, ice cream and cake. They then went to the church for the services. In a few minutes our church was crowded with young folk of the other churches that had been invited. After the lesson, Boley Endeavor gave us about eight numbers and Clearview reciprocated with a few, making a totally fine program.

Mrs. T. M. White’s adaptation of “It’s a good thing to be a Christian” to “It’s a good thing to go to Clearview” was enjoyed by all.

After the Endeavor, Eld. Sparks preached a good sermon which all enjoyed. Our young folks are anxious to visit Boley again and they were so much inspired by this visit that I thought it might help to bring new life to inactive societies to just go visiting and see what your neighbor is doing and to play host to him. There are perpetual smiles on the faces of the young people in anticipation of these visits.

FROM FLORIDA
REPORTER—MRS. LAURA PALMORE, PENSACOLA

Our church at this place is doing nicely.

We just closed our First District Convention which convened with the St. James Christian Church, Mobile, Ala. This was a very great meeting. The next meeting will be held with the First Church, Pensacola, Fla.

Our pastor, Eld. S. H. Henderson has just returned from a very successful trip to Cypress and Blountstown, Fla., where, with the assistance of the State Evangelist, Prof. C. J. Bolling, he was successful in finding five other churches.

The church here takes this way to thank Prof. P. H. Moss whose name will ever live in our memories, due to the good advice, instructive conversation and brotherly love exemplified toward us in his visit. We wish for a speedy return of this field secretary to Florida.

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FROM HANNIBAL, MO.
REPORTER—ELD. JOSEPH H. PARKER

On the 16th day of October, at 11 A. M., our evangelist, Eld. A. W. Davis, of Kansas City, Kan., fired his first big gun against the fortress of sin and darkness; and from that time until the night of the 30th, it was a continuous combat against the prince and power of darkness. It was, indeed, a hard fought battle; but in the end he was the victor. Ten persons came to the front and made the good confession: three for baptism and seven restored to the church, and one from the Baptist church. It was indeed a great meeting, and all who were present went away rejoicing at the wonderful sermons and sayings that came from the mouth of our great evangelist.

The meeting was a success, both spiritually and financially. We raised, during the two weeks, $315.58, and paid the evangelist for his services $109.58.

On Friday night, Oct. 28, the evangelist preached his great dramatic sermon—subject, "Jesus, the Light of the World," which made a lasting impression on all present.

The evangelist ordained two deacons and gave them their charge and duties as deacons.

The Second Christian Church has taken on new life, and hopes to do a great work this year for God and His cause in both home and foreign fields. We are on the firing line.

Brethren, the world is sick and needs a change of heart, and unless the whole world order is affected by this change of heart, the whole world order is doomed. True, men have advanced, but not toward God. They have progressed, but not in righteousness. They have become wise, but in their own conceptions.

FROM AARON'S RUN, KY.
REPORTER—MRS. JUNE PATTON

On Sunday, Dec. 4 the W. M. S. of this church observed as requested Woman's Day. We had a good attendance and though we could not follow out the program as suggested, we were blessed to have a missionary sermon by the state evangelist, Eld. C. H. Johnson. We are always delighted to have him with us, for he was the superintendent of our Bible School for many years.

He also delivered a wonderful sermon on Sunday morning to the church.

The W. M. S. of this place is still alive and though few in number we are striving to keep the good work going on.

We are looking forward to the future of our boys and girls and we ask the prayers of others that we might be strengthened.

PROGRAM OF THE
District Convention of District No. 4
Convened With
Murphy Street Christian Church, Taylor, Texas
December 9, 10, 11, 1927

FRIDAY
10:00 A. M.—Business Period.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Elder W. B. Washington, Lyons, Texas.
2:00 P. M.—Institute period, conducted by W. M. Wilson, subject, The Cross.
7:30 P. M.—Institute led by Mrs. L. G. Smith.

SATURDAY
10:00 A. M.—Business period led by State Superintendent, H. G. Smith.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Elder G. W. Taylor, Austin, Texas.
2:00 P. M.—Round-table conference, conducted by Eld. W. M. Wilson.
7:30 P. M.—Devotional.
7:45 P. M.—Educational address by Pres. J. N. Ervin, Jarvis College.
8:25 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Tommie Armstand, Marlin, Texas.

SUNDAY
Bible school at the usual hour conducted by local superintendent.
3:00 P. M.—Sermon by Eld. Sam Brown, Bay City, Texas.
6:30 P. M.—Christian Endeavor Society conducted by local president.
8:00 P. M.—Closing message by Eld. H. G. Smith, State Supt. of Missions.

Committee:
MRS. L. G. SMITH
W. M. WILSON
H. G. SMITH

Jackson District Quarterly Convention
SECRETARY AND REPORTER—ARE ELMORE

This district just closed a great meeting. It was enjoyed by many. It was good both spiritually and financially. The churches in this district seem to be taking on the life which is so much needed to put over the program of the Church.

The meeting began Friday Night, Nov. 18 and closed Nov. 20. Friday night we were entertained by a musical program given by the Kingsly Chapel M. E. and the Friendship Baptist Church. The program was enjoyed by all present. We were very glad to have these brothers and sisters with us.

Saturday morning we began the business of the church. The whole day was devoted to the business of the church, Bible school, and W. M. S. Saturday night we were entertained by another great musical program given by students of the S. C. I.

Reports from churches including delegate fees as follows:

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Total money reported in all departments: $327.75

Public offering: 8.92

Total money raised: $39.77

With all business over we had a real good service Sunday. Prof. Long from the Institute preached an interesting sermon on The Sense of Hearing. The meeting adjourned to meet with the North Jackson Church in February.
February—

GUESTS. Invite as special guests all young matrons of the church, those who have been married less than ten years. The Rev. W. Alphin called for notes, not telephone. Have a short talk on “The Call of Missions to Younger Women.”

SERVICE. Assign one group or division to the Methodist Women’s Missionary Society. Send the tapestry to all the business and professional women and men of the church. Issue personal invitations. Make it attractive and charming.


TO THINK ABOUT. Is it not time for the young matrons—those married less than ten years—to have a society of their own? Is not the time here when the business and professional women, who are bearing heavy responsibilities in their own fields, should get under the lead?

INFORMATION. The Young Matrons Missionary Society is an organization for those who have been married ten years or less. After ten years they are promoted into the Women’s Missionary Society. The Young Woman’s Missionary Guild is for business and professional women of more than 24 years of age.

GROUPS. These groups are not served efficiently by divisions of Woman’s Missionary Societies, but for best development and earnest service must have organizational responsibility of their own.

INDIVIDUAL. How deep has my personal consecration affected my local church activities? Am I saying, “I am not capable of leadership”? Without making the sacrifice of personal preparation?

REPORT FROM EVANGELIST

BY ELD. A. W. DAVIS, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

The meeting at Hannibal, Mo., was quite a success. I found Eld. Joseph Parker and wife very busily engaged in preparing the Master’s Kingdom. Our revival was launched and began with real interest well-advertised and was well attended.

The church is a large stone building but people were turned from the building because there was no place for them to be seated. The results summarized were: Eight days of preaching, over $300 raised and 10 additions. Eld. Parker is arranging to make the building a modern structure, fully equipped with conveniences.

He returned to Kansas City and began my mission work in the north end of the city. We have organized an institutional church with fourteen members. At the first service we had six additions and a large number of friends to make up an appreciative congregation. Our property will cost us $6,500 and is about 250x300 feet with a large, spacious building thereon. The house contains eighteen rooms. At present the upstairs is rented bringing in $93.00 a month.

Then came a very urgent call to Evansville, Ind., from which place this is written. There is every indication of a very successful meeting here. There is a very faithful band of twenty-two Disciples worshiping at this place. Also there is a sympathetic white minister, Eld. A. P. Wilson, a live wire and a friend of our brethren here. He does not hesitate to throw himself in to help at any time. Eld. H. L. Hildreth is “holding the fort” at this place and the outlook is very promising.

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DUE to the fact that many of the students would leave to spend the holidays at home, the regular Christmas program was rendered on Sunday, Dec. 18. It was composed of Christmas carols and Prof. Long told the story of the "Other Wise Man" by Van Dyke very impressively.

The Y. W. C. A. gave a very fine program entitled the "Guest of Xmas!" under the auspices of the students with Misses Roxie Toles and Bessie Chandler as leaders. Preceding this playlet, was a fishing party given by the Y girls under the leadership of Misses Cornelia Jamison, Willie S. Smith and Viola Martin. The entire effort was a worthy one and deserved the unqualified success that attended it.

On Sunday evening of the same day, the regular C. E. program with Miss Bessie Chandler as leader was given. The members of the College Class were responsible for the program, which was as follows:

Song—Joy to the World
Devotionals—Miss Evelyn Haygood and Mr. Isaac Henderson
Solo—Miss Ardella Moore
Dialogue—The Bethlehem Star
By College Class
Solo—Pantomime Wise Men of the Orient

The air here was full of Xmas. Before time Santa visited many of the students. Many will leave the campus to visit home or friends joyfully anticipating happy times. May the message of Christmas cheer take its grip on all and may all return with a new zeal and courage to improve the quality of their work and activity on the campus.

Press on! Surmount the rocky steep! Climb boldly over the torrent's arch! He alone fails who feeble creeps.

We are not interested alone in the young women that are here on the campus. It extends over the community. The program and social committees have issued special invitations to the young women of the community to witness the Christmas play—"The Quest of Christmas" and there will be refreshments served after the program.

Has Every One in Your Church Renewed His Subscription? DO IT NOW!!

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PIEFORD NOTES

We have been blessed in the last ten days with two distinguished visitors. I told you in my last letter about Eld. Prades Taylor's visit. Since then we have been favored with a visit by Brother Balkings of the U. C. M. S. Brother Balkings spoke to the students on Oct 29 and to the church on Sunday morning. We were very much gratified by the encouraging words of Brother Balkings concerning the work being done in P. C. I.

Brother Thomas baptized four candidates after the prayer meeting service last Wednesday eve. We have had two more to join since then.

Rev. Burnbaughard, pa for and Rev. Cotton P. E. held a union meeting to raise their educational funds on the fifth Sunday at the A.M.E. Church.

The City pastors will begin a Union revival meeting Nov. 11 at the High St. Baptist Church.

The Remenke Quartette managed by Prof. J. White sang here last week under the auspices of the Senior class of P. C. I. Mrs. C. E. Craggett, wife of Elder C. E. Craggett of Kansas City, has been visiting her relatives, the Posters and Eld. Craggett's relatives, the Craggents in Martinsville. She returned last week.

Mrs. Mary Turner, Mrs. Julia King and Mr. DeShager have been taken from us by the hand of death.

FROM ARKANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK,
Mother of Missions

Those are various questions which I am confident will mean much to the various states if they will consider them for a little while.

1. Why do we hold National Meetings?
2. Why do we use National Presidents?
3. Why do we send delegates to the National Convention?
4. Why do we have Departmental Conventions in our National Assembly?
5. Why do we ask for representation fees?
6. Why do we have the National Convention annually?
7. Why do we ask for the fees for the departments separately?
8. Why do we not allow the local churches to represent in the National Convention annually?
9. Why for Bible schools annually?
10. Why do we ask for the Woman's Department to represent annually?
11. Why do we ask the Brotherhood to represent annually?
12. Why do we ask the Christian Endeavor to report here?
13. Why use field workers and secretaries?
14. For what is the representation fee to the convention used?
15. What relation does the State Convention have to the National Convention?

If someone who has all the information will respond to these questions, it will greatly help so many ministers and laymen who do not yet understand.

FROM GEORGETOWN, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. B. L. JOHNSON

Nov. 27 was a day long to be remembered. It was the occasion of the installation of the pastor, Eld. G. E. Letton. Very impressive were the services throughout the day.

The program was as follows:

Prelude by the orchestra.
Processional by the choir.

Prayer—Bro. Hamilton, Midway.
Music.
Solo—Mrs. Georgia D. Hummons.
Behalf of Church—Mr. W. H. Johnson.
Behalf of the Bible School—Mr. W. H. Dudley.
Music.
Welcome—
Behalf of Christian Endeavor—Miss E. M. Edwards.
Behalf of Missionary Society—Mrs. B. L. Johnson.
Behalf of Social Club—Mrs. P. C. Tartain.
Response to Welcomes—Mrs. G. E. Letton.
Solo—Mrs. John Spurrier.
Master of Ceremonies—Mr. W. E. Dudley.

This service was so impressive that it brought tears to the eyes of some.

The afternoon service was made up of the representatives from the different churches of the community, including Dr. J. M. Baswell of the white church who has been with us in all of our efforts. Also among those present was Prof. E. E. Davis of the high school.

Mrs. Letton added much to the program by the rendition of several sweet selections in song. Eld. C. H. Dickerson also brought shouts from the congregation when he opened up one of the favorite melodies.

The night service consisted of an excellent sermon by Eld. S. Campbell of Paris, and the charge to the congregation. Elder Crittenden rendered the charge to the pastor, substituting for Eld. Dickerson who could not remain for this service.

The church is in the highest spirit and has no fear in its forward march under the efficient leadership of Eld. Letton and his noble wife. Friends attended from all parts of the state.

Nov. 28 a revival started under the leadership of the pastor and Eld. Hancock of Winchester. We pray that many souls will be saved to add to the joy of the occasion.

FROM EAST TENNESSEE

Tennessee State Convention

The work at Johnson City moves on. Just closed a meeting with Eld. D. W. Bradley behind the gun. Eld. Bradley was at his best, and delivered some strong sermons. One was added. The Church is looking forward to a great meeting in the early Spring.

Dr. W. A. Scott, one of our pioneer ministers, is ill at this writing. We are praying for his recovery. We leave soon for our East Tennessee District Convention to convene in Rogersville Dec. 9, 10 and 11th. Mr. John Letour is Vice President and will preside since Dr. Scott is not able to attend. Look for our report.
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

In Quest of the Golden Fleece of Cooperation

Eld. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.

II. At the Assembly

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THE morning of October 18, we arose with the sun looking in upon us from his eastern window. A pretty scene we had in the bell calling the worshippers for the morning service. It was only two blocks distant from where we were making our home, and we arrived at the church, the Lynchburg hotel being long enough to give me a seat beside the chaf

feur and when we drove up to the church of the morning service there were no assigned places for any more parking. Cars had surrounded the entire community and they must have numbered several hundred. They were three from every section for several hundred miles around.

The ministers and delegates were in front of the church and the large congregation discovered a new man among them and then set in the acquaintance meeting, shak

ing of hands and a general inquiry about such things as usually are asked of a stranger. A song rang out from within and as we entered the large spacious building we found it well filled and we sat and listened with patience while the entire congregation joined in a spiritual song.

The chief of that division, Elder W. A. P. zones, was introduced to the presiding officer. Our group consisted of Elder William Alphin, Dr. E. L. Maurer, Elder Preston Taylor; Nashville, Tenn.-Eld. A. Corv, Eld. O. Zollar and Preston Taylor.

The next morning after the usual opening, the roll was called of the ministers. Every elder, and then the ministers with whom an ordained minister, more than a hundred of them, answered to their names and laid down $5.00 in advance with the rules and regulations. All day this roll was continued only being interspersed with song, or a prayer or a talk. Afterward came the roll of delegates with about three hundred answering to their names and laying down three dollars as required. Then came the roll of the members, responding with the requirement of one dollar per member. If a congregation had a hundred members, the minister was expected to report one dollar from that congregation. This requirement was enforced by the presiding officers and no minister was excused for any shortage that might be reported from his charge. More than $3,000 was collected from this source of revenue.

This is only one of the three grand divisions of this state and the other two perhaps are as large as this one. They are well supplied with efficient ministers, well-constructed houses of worship, and with orderly and precise worship services.

We were invited to meet with their chiefs and with their council where questions on both sides were asked and discussed. We were accorded an opportunity to deliver an address before the main body which met with the approval of all present.

The chiefs and the council meet January 10, 1928, at Greenville, N. C., and we have been invited to meet with them at which time will be discussed the advisability of a union effort of all Disciples of that country and those of the National Convention. This effort, the status of things will remain dormant.

It is estimated that there is between 75,000 and 100,000 Disciples throughout the states of North Carolina, Virginia and the Washington District. They have numerous congregations numbering hundreds throughout this country, also in some of the larger cities of the east. There are many things among them that we would do well to have. Their liberalism is an example to all Disciples. They far excel those that are better acquainted with the Scriptures, in their offerings and they are doing with them at which time will be discussed the advisability of a union effort of all Disciples of that country and those of the National Convention. This effort, the status of things will remain dormant.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA SECRETARIES

Below is a list of persons that are now regarded by this office as the official Christian Plea Secretaries.


Louisville, Ky., Third-Miss Ella M. Alcorn.

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Indianapolis, Ind., Second-Mrs. W. L. Harg and Mrs. Carrie Galloway.

Cincinnati, O., Kenyon Ave.-Mrs. Ethel Dyson.

Indianapolis, Ohio, Norwood Ave.-Mrs. Susan Offutt.

Knoxville, Tenn., E. Vine St.-Mrs. C. H. Redman.

Winchester, Ky.-Mrs. Mary E. Taylor.

Port Gibson, Miss., Christian Chapel-Mrs. S. B. Thomas.


Dover, S. C.-Mr. J. B. Lehman.


Nashville, Tenn., Gay St.-Eld. M. Jackson.


Winston-Salem, N. C.-Mrs. S. O. Moulton.

Mt. Sterling, Ky.-Mr. W. H. Dyson.

Some of these may have changed since the church took action on the matter and there is another to be added or a new one to be substituted. If so, please notify this office giving the name, address and the name of the church. This will greatly facilitate the Christian Plea subscribers in getting in the renewals and in increasing the subscriptions that go to that congregation.

FALLEN ASLEEP

Sunday evening, Nov. 27, Bro. Alex J. Jackson fell asleep, only to be awakened in the morning of the resurrection.

He was 64 years old and had lived a consecrated Christian life since he connected with the church. His death was a surprise to all, though we should not have been surprised, as sure as we live we will die some time, we know not when.

The funeral was held at the Rose Hill church, Nov. 29. The following ministers were present: Elders S. L. Watts, S. H. Reed, L. R. Garrison, J. S. Simmons, L. C. Franklin, K. R. Brown, B. R. Brown and N. B. Trevillion. All the ministers had a remark to make of Bro. Jackson's life. Elder K. R. Brown preached the funeral sermon, Elder M. R. Trevillion officiated in the burial.

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Renewals

Mrs. E. M. Fisher, Houston, Texas.
G. O. Moore, Scotts, Ark.
Mrs. Susan O'Fotoot, Dayton, Ohio.
Miss Justina K. Spencer, Roanoke, Va.
Florence Britt, Fulton, Mo.
Carrie Dillon, Fulton, Mo.
Prof. T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Tex.
Eld D. W. Riggs, Port Gibson, Miss.
Eld. G. T. Trevelkin, Port Gibson, Miss.
Mrs. H. S. Phelps, Tyler, Tex.
Mrs. W. H. Evins, Gethsemane, Ark.
Mrs. Mary Rice, Gethsemane, Ark.
Mrs. D. C. Dearing, Lyons, Mo.
Mrs. Minnie Greenwade, Dayton, Ohio.
Mrs. Maude B. Davis, Danville, Ky.
Mrs. Sallie Hubbell, Danville, Ky.
Mrs. Cynthia Nichols, Danville, Ky.
Mrs. Hattie Tyree, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Rose Y. Brown, New Castle, Pa.
Mr. W. W. Porter, Clyo, Ga.
Eld. W. C. Richardson, Salisbury, Mo.
Mrs. D. D. Davis, Vicksburg, Ga.
Mrs. Elizabeth Mass, Salisbury, Mo.
Mrs. Irene J. Smith, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. F. A. Potts, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Mr. L. B. Robinson, Rockford, Ill.
Mr. W. H. Johnson, Texas.
Mr. L. S. Samuel, Louisville, Ky.
Eld. R. H. Davis, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Bertha S. Dabney, Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Lillian Hackley, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Dora Banks, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Melissa Evans, Channos, Mo.
Mr. John Jones, Ga.
Mr. J. E. Ervin, Caldwell, Ga.
Mr. Jacob Bostick, Caldwell, Ga.
Mrs. E. C. Dyson, Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, Russellville, Ark.
Mr. M. M. Littlejohn, Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. Sarah A. Richardson, N. Little Rock, Ark.
Mr. H. B. Robinson, Rockford, Ill.
Eld. R. Pearson, Gary, Ind.
Jacob Dean, Bloomington, Ill.
Mr. Elmer Woolen, Frankfort, Mo.
Mrs. Alta Moss, Frankfort, Mo.
Mrs. Jennie Welch, Frankfort, Mo.
Mrs. Bertha Toney, Frankfort, Mo.
Eld. B. C. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. Ella Keatts, Mansfield, Tex.
Mrs. Oseoln A. Dawson, Lafayette, Ky.
Mr. Harry Johnson, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Ruth Boston, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Elizabeth Locker, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Minnie Markham, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Viola Laws, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Julia Cowan, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Mamie Ferguson, Cincinnati, O.
Mr. C. W. Morton, Cincinnati, O.
Eld. W. H. Dickerson, Lockland, O.
J. L. Steele, Kansas city, Mo.
Mr. B. L. Massey, Kansas City, Mo.

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Mary Armstrong, Scotts, Ark.
Mr. H. L. France, Dayton, Ohio.
Mrs. Sallie Crawford, Dayton, Ohio.
Miss Lorena Brown, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Wilson Berry, Polkton, Mo.
Miss Julia Jefferson, Millersburg, Ky.
Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, Millersburg, Ky.
Mr. Alex Adick, Lick, Miss.
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REPORT FROM THE MOUTH DISTRICT

By Mrs. M. L. Turner

The quarterly convention of the Mound Bayou district which was held at Indiana, Miss. was a success.

W. M. S.

Culled to order Thursday night, Nov. 17, 1937, by Dist. Chairman, Elder J. N. Turner. After devotional services the house was turned over to Mrs. Mamie McARTY, district organizer. The most interesting feature of Thursday's night session was the welcome address by Rev. Dr. T. B. Miles and Dr. H. E. Walker, We also enjoyed papers read by Mrs. Rhoda Burnes —The Demand of Success; Mrs. M. L. Turner—Our Responsibilities as Christians. Sermon by Eld. J. N. Turner.

Friday morning, Nov. 18, the W. M. S. held another interest program, Mrs. McCARTY presiding. Total money raised in W. M. S. Session, $365.00.

Friday night the W. M. S. went into session with Mrs. Mary Miller presiding. Mrs. Miller is Key Woman of the Mound Bayou district.

Bible School

Friday afternoon the Bible school rendered a most excellent program which was good. Monday night was turned over to district chairman, Eld. J. N. Turner. Chairman came the reports of churches which were very good.

Saturday evening Evangelist B. C. Calvert, district instructor, took charge of the meeting and gave helpful information on the theme. Everyone seemed to be interested in the study of the text. We studied three very important lessons from the Book of Exodus.

1. The giving of the law, 19-20 Ex.
2. Laws and ordinances, 20-21 Ex.
3. The holy sanctuary, 29-40 Ex.

Saturday night the Christian Endeavor rendered an excellent program with Eld. B. C. Calvert, district superintendent, presiding. The young people all played well their part. Little Willie Mae Turner sang a beautiful solo, Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam.

Sunday Sessions

Sunday morning, Nov. 20, Bible school conducted by Eld. C. A. James, Bible school superintendent. Dr. H. Walker was asked to review the lesson. After a few minutes of recess at the close of the Bible school, the district convention reassembled for morning worship. Devotionals were conducted by Bro. Lee and Bro. Brown of Indiana. Eld. J. N. Turner made brief remarks respecting the work and business of convention. Eld. B. C. Calvert, state evangelist was asked to preach the closing sermon but he was called to Shaw to attend the funeral of Sister S. W. Williams, wife of Eld. G. W. Williams.

Total money raised in this meeting, $121.08.

Our next meeting will be held at Clarkdale, Miss., February 28, 1938.

Christian Dispatch.
THE BIBLE SCHOOL, ITS MORAL RELATION TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION, WABASSA, ARKANSAS

By Miss Mary V. Moore, Scotts, Ark.

One of the greatest needs that confronts the church today is the raising of religious education. Every individual should be greatly interested in his country and the welfare of its people. No people can become great and retain their independence unless they are thoroughly developed. Today there is a cry to every people of every kind, a challenge to both young and old. To the old the cry is, "Open the way and make possible greater advantages to the youth of this day." To the young the cry is, "Accept the opportunities that are yours and build your place in the world's great tasks." This training for service must begin in the Bible school else the young people will have no foundation on which to build. They become as the house that was built upon the sand which was destroyed by the storm. Can the foundation of a life be solid unless founded upon Bible school training? It cannot. Do we not see the use of a dynamic Bible school and church and young lives energetic for the work of the kingdom of God?

Since the Bible school is the medium through which may boys and girls come to Christ, why not make it a powerful one? Some of the greatest problems that confront us today are found in the various schools which were brought up to standard. In many of our churches there are no Bible schools at all. Some have poor Bible schools with nosnday school family and equipment. A few have come to the standard. Now as the Bible school is an important factor in giving the moral training for our young people, why neglect it? Is it because we do not love our children that we neglect them? No, it is because we are blind to their needs.

Have you stopped to think that there is a direct relation between religious and moral training of children and the amount of crime in the life of a nation? There are millions of children in America who are un-reached by the educational program of any church. One out of ten of the children are growing from infancy until maturity without systematic training in Bible school. How much progress is there for youth which receives no training in the fundamental virtues of life? One may ask why there are so many crimes committed among the young people today because we fail in our Bible school and other auxiliaries of the church to give an adequate program of moral and religious education for the child and his needs.

We would not think of taking a half bushel of our choicest seed corn and placing it in a rain in a bushel measure for fear that the rain would fill the measure and ruin the corn. But in the meantime our children are in school at eight o'clock seeking for the rain on Sunday they hate because it comes to ruin our corn. We do not fear the indifference but it ruins our boys and girls.

The Bible school holds a place in the lives of our young people when properly directed to other auxiliary can explain when there is where we plant the seed and await the fruits. Here is where the child gets his first most enduring impressions. Many day we urge each of you to make of himself a committee of one to go back to your local churches and prepare to do more efficient work. If your school is lagging, energize it. If it is weak, strengthen it. Find your boys and girls and get them into Bible school.

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PERSONALS

(From The Christian Dispatch)

Great services at Clarksdale the first Sunday in October in the day, but ruined out at the night service. Pastor Calvert was at his best, and preached a wonderful sermon on The Great Harvest, or End of the World. A large audience witnessed the services.

Evangelist Calvert and Elder J. G. Keyes attended the funeral of Bro. Isaac Lawrence on Oct. 9, at 3:30 P. M. The funeral was very largely attended as Bro. Lawrence was an old citizen of the Bethel congregation.

Mrs. R. C. Calvert is on the sick list. She has been suffering for more than three weeks with rheumatism. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Evangelist Calvert held a weekend meeting at Shaw, beginning Monday night, Oct. 17, closing on the fourth Sunday of this month, and at Ina Louis, beginning Monday night, Oct. 24, closing on the fifth Sunday with a rally.

The Mound Bayou District Convention was held with all satisfaction at Independence Christian church, Nov. 17-20, 1927. An elaborate program was arranged for the meeting. Many of the workers of the district were in attendance.

Services at Bethel the second Sunday in October were good both day and night. The members were all glad to see their Elder B. C. Calvert back, as he had been away from them quite two months. The offering showed signs of prosperity.

Prof. B. L. Jacobs is preaching for the North Jackson Christian church. We wish for both him and the church much success and happiness together.

Mrs. E. A. Brown has been on the sick list but is much improved at this writing. She is one of the star members of the North Jackson Christian church.

Elder G. T. Trevilion is now able to walk around after a long spell of sickness.

Bro. S. Killianworth is building a house on the tract of land he bought some time ago.

Mr. S. Garrison has moved in the Pine Grove neighborhood. We hope him success and happiness.

Brether and Sister Shol. Watts of Lor- man motored to Forest Greve on the fourth Sunday in November.

Mrs. Francis Martin, her mother and brother, George, motored to Friars Point to visit Bro. C. A. Watts.

Sister Emerine Watts is visiting her sister, G. A. Watts in Friars Point.

Miss Bula E. West left Port Gibson November 19 for Shreveport, La., to spend some time with her brother, Johnnie West, and hopes for her a pleasant trip.

The Christian Plea is glad to felicitate Mrs. L. E. Mayberry of Clearview, Oklaho- ma, and Corresponding Secretary of the V. M. S. National Convention, on her suc- cessful recovery from a serious operation. A report from her local church appears in this issue of the paper.

A Forgiving Spirit

An honest speeder had just hit a dog and had returned to settle his damages if possible. He looked at the dog a moment and addressed the man with a gun. "Looks as if I'd killed your dog.

"Certainly looks that way," said the motorist pleasantly as he handed the owner a crisp five-dollar bill. "I wasn't going hunting—not going out in the woods to shoot the dog."—Teawney Kat.

Wanted a Full Understanding

A lady had advertised for a girl for general household, and was looking for an applicant over the house. She had been very liberal in her promises of privileges—afternoons off, evenings out, and so on—and it looked as though the two were about to come to some agreement when the girl suddenly asked: "Do you do your own window cleaning?"

"Do we do our own what?" asked the puzzled mistress.

"'Stretchin'?

"'Stretchin'?

"'Stretchin'" repeated the girl a second time. "Do you put all the food on the table at dinner and stretch for it, or do I have to stuff it around?"—London Argus.

The Best Radio

Jones: "Is your radio set good?"

Green: "Is it? Got Bermuda last night and the onions made my eyes run."—Albion Recorder.

Wasted Energy

Professor: "Can you give me an example of wasted energy?"

Freshman: "Yes, sir, telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man."—The Congregationalist.

Daylight Saving

"Now," said the boss of the night shift, "you haven't been late to work since you moved. Where do you live now?"

"Po' blocks on de other side of de grave- yard."—Country Gentleman.

Renew Through Your Secretary

Immediately!!

Have Your Report in Each Month!!

Feb. 5—Christian Endeavor Day

OBSERVE IT!!
World Call for Negro Disciples

BY W. R. WARREN, EDITOR

There are so many things to read these days that everyone has to make a choice. First of all we read our own personal correspondence, and among our letters we look first for those that show familiar and beloved handwriting. A stranger’s letter has a better chance of attention if it seems to have been written solely and individually to me, than if it appears to be a form letter written to a hundred or a thousand or a hundred thousand persons. And yet I will read even a circular letter if it comes from a reliable party and deals with a subject in which I am interested.

There are the same sort of widening circles in my reading of printed matter: papers, magazines and books. The one in which there is a column or a page marked because it tells something about me or some dear friend of mine gets my immediate attention. I will stop eating to read that. There are subjects as well as persons that catch my attention quickly and hold it to the end of the chapter: my home town, my home church, my dearest religious and political principles; my country in time of war, my party at election time.

Every Negro Disciple of Christ ought to feel especial interest and pride in The Christian Plea. It represents both his race and his religion, and “a twofold cord is not quickly broken.” The men and women who write for it are just the ones whom he would like to know personally, and whom, indeed he does come to know as he reads their writings week by week. All of the other names, both of persons and of places, that appear in the paper either are familiar or deserve to become so. The special articles all deal with the supreme interests of his soul.

World Call also renders special service to every Negro Disciple of Christ. In common with all of its other readers he is interested in its monthly reports of the progress in all lands of the missionary, benevolent and educational work being done by the whole brotherhood. There are not only the records of facts but also photographs that make these facts real and vivid. Not only throughout North America but in ten other nations of the world, children of every race are being brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, young people are being trained for the highest of all callings and the spirit of Christ is being shown in the daily lives of his people. The longer one reads and the more familiar one becomes with this continued story of Christ’s work in the world through His disciples the more fascinating it becomes.

Something more than this, however, World Call means to its Negro readers. It is helping to bridge the gulf of misunderstanding between them and their white brethren. It gives the white churches a better knowledge of the churches, schools and individual saints of the Negro fellowship and also enables the Negro brethren to know and appreciate at their true worth the white Disciples. It is a common medium of such understanding as is absolutely essential to any sort of cooperation. Certainly the Negro Disciple should be interested in knowing how World Call represents him from month to month, and at the same time in getting the full sweep of international and interracial progress.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday, Feb. 24, the Federation of Foreign Missions and the Council of Home Missions have asked all of the churches of every denomination to unite some time during the day in prayer for better relationships between races, nations and classes. The entire week is to be used but Friday, Feb. 24, is the special Day of Prayer.

Suffer Little Children to Come

A Soul’s Awakening
The Christian Endeavor's Relation to the Church

The average community is in need of all the Christian organizations that it can maintain. The business and social life of the town is facilely that the Christian community is engaged in fostering. The close of the persons in a community is due not only to the proximity of their houses, nor even where there is no neighborhood touch; but it is done to common interests, common descendents, common desires, common aims and common co-operation. The credit system in business is based wholly on the integrity of the debtors. The rigid moralities of the small town are divorced by modern novelists, is one of the most healthful on the moral condition of the country.

Education once used to be the product of the home. A trade, the history of the family and the community, the necessary processes of social and commercial intercourse, the religion of the tribe was all taught by the patriarch and in the family organizations. The industrial Revolution took the trades out of the home, it took the parent and sometimes the children, so that education could not be living. It was then, it was provided. Schools were organized and the great state and nationwide system has grown up to meet the need not only of primary and secondary education but also of higher learning.

Religious training too had to be taken care of. The Bible School became the real training from the home to a certain extent. So the church had to put more into its program of religious education. The Bible School became the real training school for the youth. But then there was no expressional agency so there was no real impression that could be measured.

The Christian Endeavor grew up to meet that need. But as mentioned the Christian Endeavor is an expressional agency and this expression could well be harnessed to some vital service that is needed in the community. The enthusiasm and altruism of the youth could well be used in connection with the primary service. There should be the advance of every minister and church leader a true picture of the social and moral condition of the people in relation to their church. The Christian Endeavor could well vitalize such a survey.

The Christian Endeavor could well add the Bible School in reaching the youth of the community with some portion of the religious educational program of the church. It could correlate with its present committee organization of a membership committee the task of getting into the Bible School the new members.

The Christian Endeavor is an organization for harnessing the powers of youth in a constructive religious program. Young people can work together over denominational lines and foster the social life of the community. There is no opportunity for the Christian young people to get together in the community unless some such organizations get in behind the promotion of such interdenominational gatherings. For the Christian Endeavor fosters unity.

To the community a Christian Endeavor may contribute Christian education, a medium of expression and a habit of unity.

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WHY?

"Why do the heathens rage and the people imagine a vain thing?"

EVERTY person, heathen, pagan or semi-civilized thinks that the race problem is solved in the universal acceptance of his own pet theory or opinion. Hence the rage endureth forever and the imagining goes on apace. Color of skin, social position, or racial affiliations are no proof against insidious prejudice based on problems of racial traits. The Jew, the Chinese, the Negro, all are problems of some section of America as well as the mere general problems that follow on the drawing together of the continental world. The real and most dissipative prejudices are not based on facts.

WHY?

The advancement of the colored peoples of the world, economically, culturally and socially, leads to jealousies and bitterness that take no account of the real facts in the racial realm of physiological differences, in the fight for group solidarity and self-preservation. The complete refutation of the doctrine so long exercised in the western world to justify the invading of less advanced races and nations is a bitter pill to swallow. So the fight has become a problem in adjustment in local communities and change of attitude in individuals.

WHY the K. K. K. and mob violence?

These are devices organized or unorganized to bring about by fear a condition of acceptance of domination by another group of one group's authority. It is a mechanism either recognized or unrecognized by law, either permanent or temporary to effect certain overt acts that will cause an appreciable change in group thinking of another group. When their effectiveness is impaired by legal action as mobs are in most of the northern states, or have fallen into disuse as floggings have in the South, the mechanism on the ground.

The Youth's Convention will discuss this subject in its second session in Columbus, Ohio, in April. The Negro group has a distinct contribution to offer and there should be intensive pre-Convention study in groups for discussion and by individuals on this topic. Then there should be a large delegation of the Disciple youth of our brotherhood to help in the Convention discussion. Our aim is "25 in the Youth's Convention" by 1930. Let there be fifteen in this one in Columbus.

SUNLIGHT

Sun of My Soul
Thou Savior Dear

THE analogy is a good one for the properties of sunlight are a counterpart of the qualities of our Savior.

All life is sustained by food, water and air.

Food is chiefly animal and vegetable matter. All animal food is dependent in the long run on vegetable or plant life. So directly or indirectly, foodstuff is plant life.

Plant life contains as its most important factor, chlorophyl. The air that is used in plant life is assimilated by this chlorophyl. Chlorophyl is generated in no other way than by sunlight. So nearly all of humanity's foodstuff depends upon the sunlight to develop chlorophyl.

In the absorption of atmospheric, chlorophyl uses the carbon dioxide and releases pure oxygen. Animal life including human beings uses oxygen and releases carbon dioxide. Chlorophyl and sunlight are responsible for the renewal of the life-sustaining oxygen in the air.

Evaporation, cloud formation, cloud transportation, and precipitation are all the result of the sun's rays in heating the earth and the water.

Food, water and air are all indirectly dependent on sunlight.

The three elements necessary for a spiritual personality are worship, instruction and service. These three are all derived from God.

Worship is the inculation and development of a devotional spirit, an appeal to the soul, the summoning of the emotions to a focus. Other religions can get an emotional frenzy. Some can engender stolid stoicism. Many can cultivate fanaticities but worship is none of these. Christianity seeks to develop a right relation between God and man.

Instruction in morality leads to Christian character. The highest ethics today are contained in the Bible. All that is good in philosophical ethics, all that is true in behavioristic morality, all that is valid in pragmatic action is garnered from some part of the philosophy of Christ.

The organization of Christ, the church, offers the best most effectual avenue for service in the world today. While it has dissipated time, energy and money on things that are not the bread of life, yet its reawakening offers much in the realm of real service through a flexible continuous program in relieving the ills of social and natural calamities. The church has the opportunity of a lifetime in cultivation of right attitudes on war, crime, race, industry and personal relations.

Christ is the sun of the soul and His light shall shine "Upon all who are in the house."
WHY THE CROSS WAS NEEDED

That Jesus was not a mere man, but was just a man with superior intelligence, is shown by the complete insight He had of the laws of the soul of man. He knew that it would not be an easy task to change men from ways that had become instinctive. He knew that it would be a vicarious struggle in which much suffering would have to be undergone. So He put the cross at the very foundation of Christian work and worship. No mere human mind could have thought out such a thing.

As we look over the history of the work of the Church during nineteen hundred years we see what a struggle it was to overthrow entrenched evils though they were utterly wretched and had not a single redeeming feature. In every instance they bore down upon the very men that defended them the most severely. Let us name some of them.

I. Militarism in the Church

When the Church had conquered Pagan Rome, she was so nearly exhausted that she was unable to do much. But almost immediately the Barbarian Nations began to pour in upon her with most blighting invasions. It was at this time, when there was no power in the state to unite the opposition, that militarism was called into the Church for self-preservation; and for a thousand years it stayed there and made the Church so coarse that there was not much spirituality left. The church leaders suffered most. But they defended it through a terrible war of nearly a hundred years and gave up only after they could resist no longer. Now that we have driven this great red dragon out from the sacred altar even the Catholic Church has comfort.

II. Slavery in the Economical System

For two hundred years slavery lay across the door of prosperity like a slimy serpent. No one, not even the slaves, suffered more than the slave holders, if measured by blight on happiness. The slave suffered greatly, but he was growing all the time towards better things. The slave holder called himself having a good time but he was ruining himself. He needed emancipating as much as the slave needed it. But in spite of this he fought to the last of his strength to maintain it.

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III. The Liquor Traffic as a Blight on Legitimate Business

How it was possible for our nation to stoop so low as to commercialize the vicious appetite for strong drink, and to commercialize the mating instinct in prostitution, it is hard for us to see now. But it did. And much as the women and children suffered, the greatest sufferers were the men who defended it most. Scarcely a single one of the drinkers, the saloon keepers, the brewers and distillers and the lawyers who defended them escaped a most withering blight. This vicious institution made its truest friends suffer the most.

IV. The Caste System as a Blight on the Nations

The Caste system in its worst form in India but very bad in all other lands is the world's greatest hindrance now. The happiness that would come to the world if all the races would whole-heartedly cooperate with each other to contribute the best that is in them for the good of all. But a great host of people, mostly young men, will resist this to the limit of their ability. They think they are the guardians of the safety of their own race or clan. They can be counted upon not to give up to the last. Now in the face of all this, can we not see why Jesus laid the foundation of His kingdom on the corner stone of the cross? When He was going through the temptation He saw all this and He saw the utter impossibility of doing anything without the cross. The spirit of militarism suggested to Him that by its power the world might be governed and saved, but Jesus said, Get thee behind me, Satan.

FROM TYLER, TEXAS

REPORTER—ELD. H. SHARP

This is my first time to report from the Line St. Christian Church through the pages of the Christian Plea. We are small in number but are holding on to the faith. We are without a pastor but have begun to plan for a church building.

The Bible school is a good one and we observe all the national rally days in that department. And the State Bible School Convention President was with us for a visit recently.

Pray for us that we may succeed in this.

THE LONE STAR STATE

REPORTER—H. G. SMITH

The district convention held at Ponta, Texas, with the Pine Hill Church was a complete success, all things considered.

The following reports were made.

Jacksonville $6.50
Pine Hill, Ponta 15.00
Ambrose, Glenfawn 18.55
Enrocastle 2.00
Public offering (church) 12.09
Public offering (Bible school) 1.85
Special gifts 3.43
Total raised for all purposes 60.22
Total expenses 74.18
Balance applied on debt 19.04
This leaves a balance due Evangelist 38.23

We have striven hard to clear out all debts. But some of our best and largest churches fell down.

Cooperation Is Our Great Need

There is much need of more cooperation on the part of the pastors of the state. They do not fight the program but they do not do anything for it. They do not have to say anything against it but on the other hand they do not say anything for it. A pastor need not say anything. Saw wood and say nothing is the method used. The pastor who does not get behind the program of the state or the national work knows that there is nothing doing. This sort of cooperation is nothing. Why not come out in the open? If you are not for the work say so and let everybody know where you are.

Making Demands and Giving Orders

Very often our men make demands on the evangelistic force and also give orders as to where it should go and what it should do and how to do the job and what it shall advocate. But the strange thing is they never say a word about what pay it should receive and how to receive it. I am sure if you make demands and give orders for service, the other fellow expects pay day to follow.

Gratitude

I must say a word about the fine spirit of the officers of Pine Hill church. They are ever thoughtful of strangers who are in their homes. The good members were ever ready to lend a helping hand. God bless you good people. I want you to do the job and what it shall advocate. But the strange thing is they never say a word about what pay it should receive and how to receive it. I am sure if you make demands and give orders for service, the other fellow expects pay day to follow.

Don't forget to meet us at Glenfawn in January, 1929.
TO THE W. M. S.

This year again we are making three general classifications of our Missionary Societies and we are urgently requesting that each society will do its utmost to give according to the classification named. These will all be in keeping with the apportionments as sent out in the very beginning of this conventional year and in each instance we believe the goal is easily possible if those responsible for the work will consecrate themselves to the task.

Last year we had 15 Missionary Societies to give $100.00 or more. This year we are asking 50 societies will so contribute. Last year we had 18 societies to give $50.00 or more. (Quite a few who aimed came so near them that we are almost tempted to list them.) This year we are asking 50 societies to give $50.00 to $100.00. Last year we had 24 societies to give $25.00 or more. This year we are asking that all societies not listed in the first two classifications will aim to give $25.00 or more.

To make this year outstanding in Missionary achievement but one thing is necessary and that thing is INFORMATION of the World's needs. For most surely "Information begets interest and inspiration. Below we list societies according to these classifications.

Societies requested to give $100.00 and more
- Indianapolis, Ind.
- Chicago, Okwood
- Kansas City, Kan.
- Mt. Sterling, Ky.
- Lexington, Ky.
- Hillsboro, Ark.
- Baltimore, Md.
- Miss.
- Mound Bayou, Miss.
- Kansas City, Mo.
- Plimpton, Mo.

Societies requested to give $50.00 to $100.00
- Chicago, Langley
- Los Angeles, Birch St.
- Little Rock, Ark.
- Wabash, Ark.
- New Hope, Ark.
- Montgomery, Ala.
- Birmingham, Ala.
- Vahalosa, Evergreen
- Bloomsburg, Ill.
- Gary, Ind.
- Paris, Kansas
- Topela, Ky.
- Danville, Ky.
- Paris, Little Rock
- Paris, 5th St.
- Louisville, Central
- Louisville, 3rd
- N. Middletown, Ky.
- Winchester, Ky.
- Carlisle, Ky.
- Maxonville, Ky.
- Covington, Ky.
- Germantown, Ky.
- Georgetown, Ky.

Societies to give $25.00 or more
- Okmulgee, Okla.
- Enid, Okla.
- Stillwater, Okla.
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The editor arranged to give one page in the Christian Plea to this department and this is a wise move and will result in great good, if made to fill the needed place by use and systematic contribution. A prepared article of not more than three hundred words, will appear each month. The editor of this department will be for short news notes respecting the church activities throughout the brotherhood we hope. Others do this, why not we?

Some churches have appointed reporters. Others are kindly urged to select a regular reporter. Don’t we enjoy “peppy” and “snappy” notes from the brotherhood? Often we enjoy reading about ourselves more than about others, if so, we must each see that we have a reporter that will report. On account of the space and the time necessary to prepare reports for print, the reporters are asked to put all the news in as few words as possible and send it in by the FIFTEENTH of the month so it may appear in the issue of the following month. If this is brief and on time, it may not appear at all because it would not be fair to hold out current reports that are not for those that were sent in at “Just Any Old Time.”

In church activities and church life, so many of us are “sold” to the idea of “Just Any Old Time,” this department begs of you notes each month and that they come in on time.

---The Editor.

PREPARING CHRISTIANS FOR CHURCH ORGANIZATION

No. 1

The study and the better understanding of the organization and polity of the church as taught in the New Testament, are absolutely necessary for the life, growth and the efficiency of the church. They are vital also to the fellowship and cooperation of one congregation of Christian and another, in promoting and supporting the program and mission of the church.

When we say organization and polity we do not mean simply an organized group or constitution and rules found in or out of the New Testament. What is written in the New Testament is meant but more also; it must on our part include the Kingship and Lordship of Jesus Christ. What is written in the New Testament is no more and often not necessary for the life, growth and the efficiency of the church. They are vital and indispensable but are not the uppermost in our thoughts. These are indispensable but are not the organization or polity. In considering these two terms in relation to a Christian congregation we must go back of these. The call for an organization, object, membership, offices, rules for performance of duty and relationship one to the other can be clearly stated and written before there is a member or occupant of any office or any one authorized to execute the rules and carry out the purpose stated. In organizing a group of Christians we should first consider the author, authority, spirit, character and purpose of the framework or fundamentals of a Christian organization. In this investigation we would find that the Author and authority of such a group was Divinely given. In this finding, the framework alone would be placed in a position of highest reverence and respect with a Christian. His membership, attitude and obedience is inspired by his acceptance of the Author and Authority of the framework of the organization. Therefore it should not solely be the occupants of the offices, or the leader, or the supervisors of the administration who are faithful to duty but everyone should be prompted to do his or her duty by loving obedience to the Lord and Master, the Divine Author and Giver of the fundamentals of the organization.

His word and spirit should guide in making choices of officers and in carrying out the Divine purpose of the organization. We may ignore and disrespect the action of the occupant of an office in the church but we must not ignore or disrespect the office.

In preparing Christians for church organization, much depends on the evangelist to those acting in his stead, in bringing Christians into an organization—or as I prefer—into fellowship and partnership in keeping house for God. These should lovingly, kindly and positively be taught:

1. What a Christian organization is, its purpose and mission in the community and in the world.

2. The Divine program of the church by which the mission of the church is to be carried out in the earth, by human obedience to Divine guidance and help.

OBSERVE A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY

AS CHRISTIAN PLEA DAY
Get Subscribers and Donations

3. Who is and what it is to be a member of a Christian organization and to support the same on fellowship and cooperation with others.

4. How to obtain membership in a Christian organization and how membership is forfeited.

5. How a Christian should use his franchise in the church, its importance in a democracy.

6. The advantage of organization in promoting and supporting a cause; the happiness and beauty of service in a Christian fellowship; the assurance in being a member of the household of God’s family; and serving as an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

7. That God will not dwell in an unclean temple.

---W. A.

FROM FRANKFORT, MO.
REPORTER—PAULINE OFFUTT

Prof. P. H. Moss enjoyed the fellowship of the Second Christian Church last month.

Eld. J. R. Gibbs of Jefferson City finished his part of the work on our church and has returned home. During his few weeks stay he preached the Woman’s Day sermon and several other helpful, instructive sermons.

Our calendars are on hand and everyone is expected to do his bit. The Kings Builders will have an Apron Social Feb. 11th. All ought to be delighted to help the young folks for, “Blessed are the children for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Members, be up and doing. Attend all of the auxiliaries of your church.

Your support is needed. Your presence is inspiring.

SIDELIGHTS FROM KENYON AVENUE, CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORTER—MRS. VIOLA H. LAWS

The eleventh anniversary of the pastor, Eld. R. H. Davis was celebrated Dec. 16, 1927. A donation of a $1.10 was asked from each member as a token of appreciation of his services rendered here. The members responded gallantly. Some of the churches through the state responded also.

A brief program was rendered. Att. J. D. Locker was master of ceremonies. Eld. W. H. Dickerson of the Lockland Christian Church was the speaker of the evening.

The main point in the speaker’s address was a plea for more confidence in leadership.

The spirit of Christian love and fellowship was felt among the members. The amount of $74.15 was received and the pastor went home with his better half, Mrs. Mabel I. Davis, rejoicing.

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FROM KERR, ARK. REPORTER—MISS LESLIE BOAT-WRIGHT

BRING you greetings from the Pearidge Christian Church of this place.

We had a storm pass this place not so long ago but unlike most storms that leave destruction and desolation in their wakes, this one brought joy and happiness to our pastor, Eld. W. T. York. It left him a nice suit of clothes, a pair of shoes, and other things of use. We remembered that the Bible said “Give honor to whom honor is due.” And from the past twelve months’ performance we are sure that he will wear his gifts with pride and unselfishness in the continuation of his efficient pastorate among us.

Sunday Dec. 4th the W. M. S. observed Woman’s Day with a large and appreciative audience present. Eld. G. M. Thomas preached a short sermon on “The Good Samaritan.” His text was found in Luke 10:35, “Go ye and do likewise” and in the close of his discourse he vividly showed us who our neighbors are—the one that needed our assistance be he far from us or near at hand. He who helps is the neighbor.

After the sermon an offering of $5.20 was taken for the W. M. S. and as a farther proof of the efficiency of the ladies we raised $1.00 for a sick brother near by, Mr. G. Terrill. As a result of this observance of the rally day several women joined the Missionary Society and we are asking the prayers of all that this next year may be a year of jubilee for our church and its auxiliaries.

FROM LITTLE ROCK, ARK. REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK

Just a few words about Christian love and a think of Prof. Moss’s statement that you can give without loving but it is a poor gift.

What does this mean? Does He mean, “Give as the Lord has prospered you.” God loves a liberal giver. Does He mean what He says? Must we obey this truth also? What responsibility is connected with possessions according to the Scriptures? This means that one must search them, receive them and obey them. And one cannot love without giving. Let a Christian “dignify himself, take up his cross and follow me.”

What does this mean? Can Christ use one who makes it a point to go off for a visit on every occasion for a national rally day? Is that cheerful giving and loyalty? The church of Christ is suffering for the true spirit of Christian giving. Giving as the Lord has prospered does not mean that one gives $50.00 or $58.00 per month must give 25c per Sunday or $1.00 per month. What of the teacher that gets $50.00 a month and gives 5c of that to the Lord’s cause? The church must raise $50.00 a month and gives 55c of that to the Lord’s cause. The church must raise $50.00 a month and gives 55c of that to the Lord’s cause. The church must raise $50.00 a month and gives 55c of that to the Lord’s cause.

NEWS—The writer received a dangerous fall recently but is glad to say that she is able to sit up. The Woman’s Day program was delayed until later.

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FROM TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION REPORTER—WM. MARTIN, STATE SECRETARY

The Tennessee Convention held at Bristol in August was a success. We had a delightful setting. Everything passed off all well and good. We made some great resolutions, which I hope the brethren will strive to carry out. I fear some have fallen asleep. Some of the churches I cannot hear from. I am in touch with the Savannah Church, and hope to visit it soon. It did not report in the Convention.

The reports of the Convention showed progress in the work. Prof. Calkins of the U. C. M. S. rendered valuable service in the Convention. Eld. Preston Taylor, President, was at his best. Eld. R. L. Peters delivered two strong sermons during the Convention.

The people at Bristol spared no pains to entertain us in every way.

The next Convention goes to Rogersville, at which time the good people there hope to be in their new building and expect to dedicate it at that time.

FROM MAYS LICK, KY. REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

We are still moving along slowly. Eld. C. H. Johnson was at our church Nov. 16 and 17 and preached for us on these two nights. On the seventeenth his subject was The GospelA man of the Convention.

On Nov. 21, Eld. Johnson and members of the Germantown and Mayslick churches went to Maysville. On that evening we had a great sermon. Eld. Johnson is an outstanding state evangelist and also a great Bible school man known as “Bible School King of Kentucky.” He is making old Kentucky ring out with the sound of the gospel.

I am glad to say that we are still carrying the banner of Christ. Sometimes the way seems dark but we tread the same notwithstanding.

Eld. J. P. Blades from Carlisle, Ky., was with us on Dec. 11. He brought us the gospel message. It was a rainy day but he made the sun shine through the clouds. Eld. Blades has not been in the state a year yet but he bids fair to become a great stone in the building for Christ in Kentucky.

We are still without a pastor and the writer is longing to correspond with some one to take this work.

Observe Christian Endeavor Day Take an Offering for Missions Send it to the United Christian Missionary Society 425 De Baliviere Ave., St. Louis, Missouri

FROM MT. STERLING, KY. REPORTER—MRS. L. D. MAGOWAN

One more year has passed forever and we that have been spared to enjoy it, should be very thankful.

Our Bible School officers have been elected and the teachers appointed. Prof. W. Rogers and is still our superintendent. We have started another year’s work splendidly.

Mrs. Janie Davis, one of our loyal members, departed this life on Jan. 4th but our loss is heaven’s gain.

The ladies of the W. M. S. had the pageant, “Perfect Love” in December. It was enjoyed by all. Eld. Brown asked that it be repeated, and it was. Every department of the church seems to be eager to do its best.

We had one little tot to make the good confession and was buried with Christ in baptism this year. I am glad to say that he was a member of my class, one of the Junior boys.

We are wishing the Christian Plea much success in 1928.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KY. ELD. C. H. DICKERSON, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Lexington is passing thru the severest cold spell in many years. But the weather does not hinder Lexington Christians. Our year closed with 24 added, current debts paid, harmony in the membership, loyalty in officiary and hopefulness with cheer in the ministry.

Our Bible School is reviving since the lifting of the ban and injecting some new blood into its machinery. Prof. Moss is right in insisting that there are “key men.”

Our choir is “measuring up” and the mid-week services are inviting.

Old Mr. Santa Claus attended the celebration of our fourth anniversary during Xmas. Friends were wonderfully mindful. After going the limit along many lines, they presented a substantial “Purse” which told its own sweet story.

The state minutes were late but out before Xmas and we urge all to be governed by them.

Eld. T. E. Everett and wife are costly fixed in the parsonage at Nicholasville and all are happy. He began a protracted session there Dec. 29th. He is a fine young singer. Great results are expected at Old First.

Eld. R. H. Hancock is stirring Georgetown for the newly elected pastor, Eld. G. E. Letton. We need a few more good men for our “trenches.” These we have are measuring up but those who come MUST.

The National School situation is shaping for service and the “tinder for the mill” is the great object of our interest.

Let every minister tend his membership and town and county for good “sticks” for this proposed factory and pass the word along.

President Preston Taylor made doubly good in the Carolinas. We knew he would.
We worshipped with the church at Hustonville on Christmas Day. On Monday night Eld. Yowell and Deacon Frye escorted us to the parsonage and we soon realized that a storm had passed over Hustonville leaving its wake tides, collars, shirts, handkerchiefs, socks, a $50.00 suit, Christmas lunch and an invitation to be present next Christmas.

The first Sunday of the new year we were with the church at Danville. Cold as it was we met a fine group of its observance. The Christmas tree program was elaborate in every phase. Services on the Birth of Christ were filled to its capacity. Eld. R. L. Peters, pastor and nationally known evangelist, held his audience spellbound in his discourse at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. He is our shepherd now and the work seems to be taking on new life. The attendance is increasing and all of the departments of the church are moving on. We are expecting a banner year here.

During our revival we had Mrs. Yora B. Clark of Shelbyville, Ky., as singing evangelist and she won the hearts of all. Eld. Everett seemed at his best in delivering the messages. Our meeting was short, extending over only fourteen nights but we closed with six added and more expected from the seeds sown then. Some have promised to come in.

The rest of the church has been revived and many who have not been coming are seen regularly at the services. And the help that comes from the presence of the pastor and his good wife as residents of the town mean much to the work here.

Prayer is not a privilege but a duty. "For in praying we are to ask, not because you ask not"—Luke 2, James 4:2-3. A pledge of the life and heart should be made anew. How much do you pray? Do you have fixed time for prayer? Prayer is not a privilege but a duty. Soldiers have to report regularly to the commanding officer. We are Christian soldiers and should report regularly to our one commander—Jesus. Let us give ourselves to prayer, if we do so, we cannot fail. After the sermon there was one addition from the S. C. I. Jan. 8th there were about seventy in attendance at the Bible School which was still in charge of the assistant superintendent. During the closing exercises, eleven pupils received certificates for perfect attendance during the past quarter.

The morning services were well attended. Sermon—"You have not because you ask not"—Luke 2, James 2:16-20, James 4:2-3. A pledge of the life and heart should be made anew. How much do you pray? Do you have fixed time for prayer? Prayer is not a privilege but a duty. Soldiers have to report regularly to the commanding officer. We are Christian soldiers and should report regularly to our one commander—Jesus. Let us give ourselves to prayer, if we do so, we cannot fail. After the sermon there was one addition from the S. C. I. Mrs. Elma Brooks was elected superintendent of the Bible School in a teachers’ meeting after the church services.

Although the church seems to have taken on new life with the new year, the work is moving along here very nicely. Eld. Bundy has been with us about six months now, and is doing wonderful work here. Egd. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C., will hold our winter revival for us beginning Jan. 10th. We are looking forward to this meeting to be a great one for Eld. Peters comes to us well recommended in this line of work.

The winter weather has slowed us some, but we are preparing to do as much as we can. We want to have everything in readiness for our Spring drive.

Selfishness bears up bravely under its neighbor’s burdens and endures other people’s miseries heroically.
WHITE HALL, ALA.
REPORTER—J. E. JACKSON

We have a Christian Church located in one of the most prosperous cotton-making sections of this county. White Hall is noted for its cotton and its religion.

Mt. Zion Christian was without a pastor for the first half of last year. On the third Sunday in May, it called Eld. G. R. Rucker to preach a sermon for it. And he came to our rescue. His sermon was enjoyed by all who attended it and was so well received that we invited him to return on the third Sunday in June and at that time he was elected as pastor.

The church was thought to be too poor by some of the male members to support a pastor being under a $250.- per year, but we have been able to report $11.00 to the Bible School Convention held at this place, send a representative to the Annual Convention in October, give a small contribution to this convention, pay the pastor $50.00 and also pay $142.36 on the church debt.

We are planning by January the first to be free from the debt and accepting Miss Blackburn's advice, make another one. We have learned now that a church cannot be successful without a preacher. We are doing what we can to take care of our pastor. The ladies are leading in this work and are trying to have some tokens to present to the pastor also.

LOUISVILLE, KY.
REPORTER—MRS. M. L. FRENCH, CENTRAL

On Monday evening, Jan. 9th, the students of this school gave a banquet in honor of the sisters for having raised more money than the hosts in the rally of Nov. 6th. There were many guests from other churches that enjoyed the program furnished by the men.

Supt. W. H. Jordan is working hard to bring the Bible School up to the standard.

The W. M. S. observed Women's Day the second Sunday in December with a splendid program raising $13.35.

District No. 4 will meet at the Third Christian Church Jan. 29th.

We are glad to announce that our new Dormitory for girls has been completed at a cost of $1,000.

NAPTON, MO.
REPORTER—MRS. C. L. MILLER

We are glad to say that the old church was auctioned without loss in our fold. We are going forward in the new year we pray for a greater fellowship, and cooperation.

The Christmas dinner served by the church on Monday, Dec. 26 was a decided success, every member demonstrating a fine sense of cooperation. The W. M. S. had not had a meeting for several months. Sunday, December 25 was the regular meeting day. The president was absent so the meeting was in the hands of the State Vice President of the W. M. S. We enrolled one new member—Mrs. Mamie Chatman. The election of officers will be held on the fourth Sunday in January. We hope that every member of the society will be present. We want to start the work of the new year with high hopes and pleasant prospects.

Eld. Richardson filled his appointment Sunday, January 8 preaching two excellent sermons to the appreciative audience. The vespers services were directed by the young people.

The church is taking on new life and not only praying but also cooperating. Indeed the elders have begun functioning and the deacons have started to do their work. We are planning to put over a larger program.

BUILDING THE LADDER
MRS. E. HARRIS, WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Heaven is not reached in a single bound. But we build the ladder by which we rise from the lowly earth to the vaulted skies; and we mount to its summit round by round.

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FROM WABBASEKA, ARK.
REPORTER—ELD. E. L. TURNER

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs are now of the past. We had a large and appreciative audience on both of these occasions.

The financial results were:

Thanksgiving — $10.00
Christmas — $22.02

We are hoping to do "big things" in all departments of the church in 1928 and we are putting in a full corps of officers to lead in this program.

JARVIS SCHOOL NOTES

We are glad to announce that our new Dormitory for girls has been completed and that it is one of the best of its kind in the state.

The building for the new Railway Station at Jarvis was completed Dec. 17. All local trains will stop daily.

The Alain Locke Forensic society was organized by the college department. Prof. J. H. Harmon is Faculty Advisor for the society.

The Junior High School gave a Musical Concert on Dec. 9 which proved very entertaining. The benefits—$19.60 was turned over to the school treasury for Christmas tuition.

Pres. J. N. Ervin entertained the Football Boys on Dec. 15 with a Banquet. The boys all reported a wonderful evening. The letter "J" which Jarvisians are so proud of, was presented to the players who had worked so well during the football season.

The District Convention held its regular quarterly meeting at Jarvis on Dec. 16-18 inclusive. The Xmas season being so near accounted for a lack of attendance.

Eld. H. G. Smith, State Evangelist, Eld. W. M. Wilson, assistant State Evangelist, Eld. H. J. Johnson, Pres. State Convention and Mrs. Rand were among those present. The local attendance was good and we are very grateful for the very wonderful sermons that came to us during that meeting.

A new steam heating plant has been installed in Texas Hall No. 2. During the installation the President of the college suffered an accident resulting in the injury of his foot. He was confined to his room for several days. We are glad however, that he is up again taking his place which means that the campus rings with harmony and contentment.

Among those who recently visited the campus were: Mr. D. B. Taylor, College Examiner from the State Department of Education at Austin. Mr. Taylor spent several days studying the different departments. Mr. E. B. Browne a representative from the Texas and Pacific Railway Co. spent a few hours on the campus in conference with the President regarding the new Station at Jarvis. Mr. Grant K. Lewis, chairman of the Home Department of the United Christian Missionary Society. We are always glad to have Mr. Lewis visit us.

As a result of a rally we were able to send the sum of $223.50 to the Home Department.

The following departments contributing as follows: The Church — $103.50, Bible School — $100.00, Missionary Society — $20.00.

The Christmas holidays are to extend from Dec. 23 to Jan. 1. Teachers and students are both filled with the anticipation that Christmas always brings.
A Pertinent Suggestion
By Eld. J. S. Gourry, Columbus, Ky.

To the Brotherhood of Kentucky:

Why not elect from the floor of the Conference committee on Future Work and on Business at each convention to report to the following convention? This practice would allow time for each member of the committee to do some constructive thinking for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Not only that, but there would be time to discuss one with the other by letter, commenting and sharing through the Christian Plea, the proposed resolutions and recommendations.

This would give the delegates and church as a whole time to think since all would be well aware of the various issues that will come before the convention several months in advance. Then the delegates could come to the convention better informed, personally, and properly instructed, representatively.

This would speed up the building of Zion’s walls by relieving the convention of much of the controversial and oppositional impressions that take up time. Much of the misunderstanding among delegates, unnecessary discussion and clashes would be avoided. All this would mean a constructively what has already been done in advance.

And since the State Missionary Board is of the convention, I do not see any reason why it should not with authority, appoint these two committees for the first time at its next regular meeting to report to the 1928 convention. I believe that if this is done, it can be soon be said as in days of old:

“Then came the number of God’s people and the number of disciples multiplied.”


Therefore I move that the State Missionary Board appoint the first Business Committee and the First Future Work Committee at its next regular meeting. Do I get a second?

Reflections on the Holiday
REPORTER—Mrs. S. L. Bostick,
N. Little Rock, Ark.

The writer is sitting looking eastward and a mind to thank our Heavenly Father arises in her for the big world that offers every advantage of happiness, everything for our glory, sunshine, rain and air that are essential to life. The birds of the air and the beasts of the forest are a part of its contribution to us.

Moreover we have knowledge to realize the great God of the universe and to understand His Book of the world. Had Christ not been born, we would not have been in existence. The Savior made it possible for all souls to glorify, honor and magnify His name. So why not be in the highest sense of Christian respect and fellowship on Christmas Day?

We can only read the past. No one can make a 100% prediction. What 1928 will mean to us in developing and equipping work, we do not know. We are now ushering in a period of great opportunity, at least one new member a month where there is a reserve to draw from. Then there is the beginning of some new work and bringing it into the church in 1928. With precept and example give good service in this way.

To the Officers and Members,
Lea Avenue Christian Church
Dear Brethren:

We are about to close another year of our existence as a congregation, and as our years are passing by rapidly, and this may be the last one, we had better be ready to render an account of our stewardship here, or we may not be longer retained as stewards. God will remove the candlestick that does not give light, or the tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down and burned to make room for a fruitful tree.

How does your life compare this year with the previous years of your Christian life? Can you afford to live in the church without improving on your time? Is there no work you can do for your church and God? Are you willing to sit idly and see some one else doing your work? Will you be equally willing that they should receive the reward? How much stronger would the church be today if all were workers and did their whole duty. But, alas, so few can be counted on in the time of service. If you are numbered among the unfaithful, may we ask you to enlist among the faithful for one solid year’s work for the church and Christ? Will you again now? Think how much you have lost by not beginning sooner. Will you prayerfully consider this question?

1. Can the congregation depend on you at all regular meetings.
2. Will you take the part of an active member and try to make the coming year the greatest one for the church?
3. Will you pray and work unceasingly for the up-building of the church?
4. Do you want the budget system to continue? If so, will you subscribe to it?
5. Will you take an active interest in the Sunday school and young people under your influence?
6. Will you work in one of the organizations of the church?

Finally—Whatever your hand findeth to do, do it with all your might and power, that the cause of Christ may grow and prosper thereby.

Your Brother in Christ,

Preston Taylor.

To the National President

From the National President

To The Churches:

Four months have passed since our convention. It would be well to check up to see what has been done and what remains yet to be accomplished. Can we have the reports? Has the church met all the obligations for local, state and national? We can’t grow unless we answer in the affirmative. The W. M. S., the Bible School, the C. E. and Girls’ Circle must function along all lines.

Bo see if the four special days are observed in the Bible School and utmost interest devoted for the offerings. We are not raising enough money to meet our obligations. Some workers had to be taken off of the field and the Christian Plea charged from a weekly to a monthly paper. We must stop the shrinkage of our work.

Our church, schools and missionary work is in need of your co-operation and on an account of negligence, they are suffering.

Raise your apportionment and send report and money in at once.

See that every family in your church subscribes for and reads the Christian Plea.

Eld. Preston Taylor.
BEARERS OF SPIRITUAL CULTURE

By Edwin Hurdle, Jarvis Christian College, Texas

O NCE-present-day teacher of religion has so remarked, "The greatest business of any generation of people is the education of children."

It seems true enough to the right-thinking individual, that without the business of educating children, civilization would fail. If for a single generation, our children be refraughted, they shall be denied the opportunity of receiving instruction, all that we have accomplished thus far would be a waste of energy, and all would revert,—from whence we have come—back to barbarism.

Each generation must create anew, the spiritual culture of the race. Each child who comes to his teacher for instruction, weak and helpless though he be, has a duty to perform. He is held responsible for achieving a certain part of the great program of God. Each child is the bearer of an immortal soul, whom destiny will take form from the life the child lives among his fellows.

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Wherever these responsibilities face the teachers of religion, he has the opportunity of teaching them: the simple plan of Jesus; to live in accord with His teachings; to remember, day by day, the golden rule; and to exemplify in their actions the revelations of pure thought.

These bearers of spiritual culture need more teaching; not orthodoxy. They are entitled to participations in the modern program of Religious Education, in their respective station in life; not intentions only. They need responsible spiritual guides, in actions and living examples; not in words alone.

The bare facts are before us—for improvement. Will our children—our bearers of culture—fear from the lack of proper spiritual guidance? Without laboratory experimentation? Without servicable field work?

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Mrs. Priscilla McCarty of Mound Bayou, Miss., who for many years has served as President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church of that city counts it a glorious privilege to give $100.00 for the support of a native child in one of our Mission stations in Africa. We are sure that the generosity on the part of this fine business woman will serve to inspire others to the rare privilege through such service.

During December a large number of Missionary Societies observed Woman's Day. There are still a number who have not observed the day. We therefore wish to remind you that any Sunday may be observed as Woman's Day. And we request that you will observe the day during the month of October. Not only should Woman's Day be observed by the churches in which there are Woman's Missionary Societies but we feel that it is a fine opportunity for Missionary expression on the part of any church in which there is a woman who believes that the Gospel should be sent to the uttermost part of the earth and who wishes to share in sending it.

Wisdom excuses others easily, but itself never; folly reverses the order.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
A CHRISTIAN PLEA DAY

Over eight hundred letters went out from the Christian Plea office last month asking that the churches observe a Sunday in February as a Christian Plea Day to get the paper and its needs before the people of the brotherhood. Some of the things that should receive attention at that time are given below.

I. The Special Fund. This fund is created by the National Convention to take care of the deficit that comes from the Christian Plea. A suggested amount has been made to each church and we are asking that on that day the amount to be raised.

II. Renewals of Subscriptions. This is a good time for the Christian Plea Secretary to get the renewals of all those who once took the paper. A little work during the preceding week will do much in this line.

III. Getting New Subscriptions. After the taking of the offering the Secretary might well have on hand the data concerning the Christian Plea in the congregation and give it with outline of the campaign for the two months. Then an appeal could be made for new subscribers.

IV. Reading. The Christian Plea is only good when it is read. Some time the paper goes to the home and is thrown into the waste basket without getting out of the wrapper. Perhaps the family is not ready to read and when the time comes the Plea is gone. The pastor can make this vivid.

V. The Value of Publicity. It would be well if the pastor could preach a sermon showing the need of a church organ, and the value of the Christian Plea in affording this publicity agent. The art of reporting briefly and pointedly should be taken up here. Show the need.

SOCIAL RELATIONS

By Beissie E. Chandler

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in. Naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me, I was in prison and ye came unto me."—Bible.

The three great problems that are perplexing the world today are, social, racial and industrial. These cannot be solved as the nations grow to better understand each other and to understand the program of Jesus.

Some redefine religion as the recognition of God as the object of worship, love and obedience. This being the communal action of religion, led religious activities to be directed toward leading men into the right relations with God. With this idea of religion the outstanding object of it was the salvation of the individual soul, and not the salvation of the whole of man.

In a nation where civilization advances, numerous records of many wonderful ministrations have been made to suffering humanity, in the name of religion.

Careful investigation of such records show that such beautiful ministrations have been classified as individual, philanthropic acts, and not the work of organized activities.

Religion is now playing an important part in improving social conditions as well as making men more temperate, wise, industrious and altruistic. It is very easily comprehended that a man cannot be truly conscientious toward God without being a true neighbor or worthy citizen.

Realizing the value of the salvation of the whole of man and not only a fraction of him, has caused the ultimate change in religious activities. The salvation of society as well as that of the individual is being carried on.

This growth may be partially accounted for to the new conception of the social teachings of Jesus. The realization of the relation of man to God and his fellowman. The centralizing of religion in society as a whole and not individuals alone, is the result of this newer concept.

Second, to the awakening of man to the meaning of the "Kingdom of God." Formerly men thought of it as a place or state after death. The church had an idea of bringing the Kingdom of God in the heart of men.

Third, the last great change may be due to the change in the architecture of the church. During the middle ages the cathedral was a lofty edifice with beautiful stained windows. The church was thought of as a place of worship. The reformed church or meeting house was the place of worship. The modern church has been added to its auditorium the following rooms—parlors for the cultivation of the social life, reading rooms, classrooms, shops for intellectual and industrial training and more remarkable still, apparatus for physical culture as gymnasiums, baths, swimming pools and playgrounds.

The church with such modern equipment, cannot fail as the church in the past. It is bringing about a more intensive social relation that can reach the masses.

The church in the past partially failed; first because it failed to reach the masses, second, because of its narrow program of Christianity. Owing to those two the laboring people of the slums, would seek help both spiritual and physical from other agencies as The Salvation Army and X. M. and X. W. C. A.

The idea that the church has just one business with man should be eliminated.

The church as well as other social-religious organizations has much to offer the man with the dirty face, naked back or empty stomach. Christ surely had something for the lame, blind, deaf in fact all fallen humanity. He sympathized with their spiritual and physical needs by ministering to them. It is for the Christian Youth of today to bring the church to realize the need of a broader social program. It is for them to lead men to realize his social relations.

The challenge is ours to develop the "Social Teaching of Jesus." Let us then launch into the deep sea of social betterment.

"Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly."—John 10:10

The Hardest Grind

The daily grind is harder when it is devoted to sharpening someone else's axe. Florence (Ala.) Herald.

More Truth Than Poetry

"Keep your eye on the clock, never toil after hours. You will not find in history's pages that Napoleon wasted his wonderful powers in working for miserable wages.

Tell the boss that you know when you've done a day's work. Observe with a brave, manly smile—"This isn't the country of Kemel, the Turk; Mussolini ain't running things here." I know a young fellow who made this remark. I met him today on a bench in the park.

"Look out for yourself, let the boss do the same. Be generous in full of ambition; if he wants you to take a real part in his game, he must give you a better position. Walk up, with a businesslike frown on your face.

And say you are working for cash. And if you can't get it you'll throw up your place.

And let the whole world go to smash. I know a young fellow who spoke in this style.

He hasn't been working for quite a long while.

"Complain if the boss has an automobile while you have to ride in a dixy. Declare he must give you a much better deal.

Or you certainly will not deliver.

Make a row every time someone else gets a raise.

Say you are only there for the pelf. Say you can never live on a few words of praise.

And could use some more money yourself.

I know a young fellow who spoke in this way.

He asked for the loan of a quarter today."

Beating the Speed Demon

Traffic regulations posted in the Tokyo Central Police Station are reported by an American missionary as follows:

(1) At the rise of the hand policeman stop rapidly.

(2) Do not pass him by, or otherwise disrespect him.

(3) When a passenger of the foot have in sight touches the horn, trumpet at him, immediately at first, but if he still obstacizes your passage, touch him with vigor and express by word of mouth the warning "Hi! Hi!

(4) Beware the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him by. Do not expel the exhaust box at him as you pass him by unmercifully by.

(5) Give big space to the festive dog that shall sport in the roadway.

(6) Do nothing in the grease mud, as there lurks the skid demon.

(7) Avoid entanglement of dog with your wheel spokes.

(8) Press the brakes of the foot as you roll around the corner, come to a complete stop and tie up.

The Defect in His Preaching

A Negro minister, given to the use of big words, was waited upon by the church committee and told that his style of preaching was not all that could be desired. Don't get angrily inspired the minister. "Yes, go' urify and spurtify," responded a member of the committee, "but yo' don't show wherein."

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
Church Erection From the Beginning

By J. H. Booth, Sec’y of Church Erection Department, U. C. M. S.

The American Christian Missionary Society began the work of church extension in 1884. In 1888, the fund had grown to $10,000 and was transferred to Kansas City and put under the management of the Board of Church Extension. On October 1, 1920 the work was taken over by the Department of Church Erection of the United Christian Missionary Society. From the feeble beginning made in 1884 the funds have grown to $2,510,682.26. It has answered the call of 2,551 churches in the United States and Canada with loans totaling about seven million dollars.

The Society usually grants in the form of a loan one-third of the cost of the building and lot. The granting of the loan very often inspires and raises the other two-thirds.

Church Erection has, therefore, helped our brotherhood to acquire about 21 million dollars worth of property.

RECORD FOR THE PAST YEAR, JULY 1, 1926 TO JUNE 30, 1927

Number of loans closed.............................. 60
Number of loans promised but not closed............. 49
Amount of loans...................................... $ 588,750.00
Value of property created.......................... 1,750,000.00
Amount of loans promised.......................... 425,000.00

Present Situation

In all the history of church erection the department has never faced so many demands for loans as at the present. The demands upon us have been so heavy that our funds at the present time are completely exhausted and we have been compelled to borrow about $400,000.00 to close loans granted to churches that were critically in need of help. Aside from this, in the last six months we have had to deny aid to and send no applications to 136 churches asking for loans totaling over $1,000,000.00.

From every indication the Disciples of Christ are in the greatest building period in their history. It is estimated that during the past year more than 250 churches have been built at a cost of over eight million dollars.

Some Problems of Church Erection

The biggest problem the department of church erection faces continuously is lack of funds. The department now has in its own permanent fund about two and one-half million dollars, including the borrowed funds the department is now handling, nearly three million dollars, and yet this vast fund does not meet more than one-third of the calls upon us. One of the principal reasons for the department of church erection is to add one million dollars to the loan funds by 1930.

Another problem is the difficulty which the department has in getting the churches to pay back their loans on time. There are several reasons for this. One of the reasons, of course, is the inability of the congregations to pay. This inability is due to various causes, such as deaths and removals among the members, trouble in the church or changing conditions of the community, especially in industrial communities. One of the principal reasons why churches fail to pay their notes promptly is due to the feeling that the churches have that Church Erection is “Our Board” handling “our money” and therefore should carry “our loan” until we feel like paying it. The coming of our new associate secretary, J. Leslie Finnell, whose principal work will be visiting churches that have become delinquent in payments, will help to eliminate this difficulty.

Another problem of the department of church erection is the difficulty which the department has in getting the churches to make the greatest use of the congregations’ advice when it is given. The greatest problem in this regard is to get the churches to feel the need of architectural advice and to follow that advice when it is given.

Rules of the Department in Granting Loans

FIRST: We help only the churches that cannot build without our help, that is, if the church can get a local loan it does not need a loan from Church Erection.

SECOND: A Church Erection loan covers not to exceed 33\% of the total property valuation.

THIRD: The loan is not closed until the building is fully completed and all debts paid in cash by the contributions of the membership except what the loan will cover.

FOURTH: A church seeking a loan must submit its plans to our architect for his inspection and advice. The department does not demand that the church follow the advice of the architect but urges that it do so.

MAN’S MORTALITY

Like as the damask rose you see,
Or as the blossom on the tree,
Or like the dainty flower of May,
Or like the sun, or like the shade,
Or like the gourd which Jonas had,
E’en such is man—whose tread is spun,
Drawn out, and cut, and so is done.
The roses wither, the blossoms blasteth.
The flower fades, the morning hasteth.
The sun sets, the shadow flies,
The gourd consumes—and man, he dies.

Like to the grass that newly sprung,
Or like a tale that’s new begun,
Or like the birds that’s here today,
Or like the pearled dew of May,
Or like an hour, or like a span,
Or like the singing of a swan,
E’en such is man—who lives by breath.
Is here, now there, in life, and death.
The grass withers, the tale is ended.
The bird is flown, the dews ascended.
The hour is short, the span not long.
The swan’s near death,—man’s life is done.

Easter Is At Hand

Bible School has a Special Day Program.
W. M. S. has an Easter Week of Prayer.
The Church has a Pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign.
Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

By the request of the editor, we are making ourselves responsible for material reports appearing under this caption. We are inviting the cooperation of all who are interested in the program of religious education and desire to provoke others to good works by reporting news and new projects that they are putting on in their field.

THE TEACHING FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH

The program of the Church of Christ is a teaching program. He himself through teaching inculcated the principle of Christianity into the hearts of a few who were in turn to teach others. His last recorded words:

"All power in Heaven and over the earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptize them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to obey every command which I have given you. And remember, I am with you always, day by day, until the close of the Ages." (Weymouth)

This presents a great challenge and a great promise to the church. Christian education is built upon the life and teaching of Jesus; the church of Christ is the one institution that is responsible to all generations for the principles taught and practiced by him. Jesus is the world's greatest need. He is the ideal or model by which the ideal life is fashioned.

The church has not taken very seriously her task of teaching the children of the world. I am told that the Catholic church makes most of the early years of childhood, impression is brought to bear upon the mind and heart of the child during the period of plasticity and when old, he still loves, regards and practices the teaching of the Catholic church.

The church of Christ must provide Religious Education, the home does not; under present limitation the state cannot. For this reason the church must guarantee to the growing child the teaching of Jesus; the church must provide for the child the teaching of the one institution that is responsible for the principles taught and practiced by Jesus.

To make the Bible school a school, there must be teachers prepared for their educational task. The teacher who teaches must become efficient through the study of child nature as well as the child of nurture. Efficiency in any line of work comes through intelligent application of one's whole self to the task. How to know the child? Reflect upon your own child life; observe the child around you; read books on child development. Such books as: "Unfolding Life" by Lomereaux, "The Dawn of Character" by Mumford and "The Teen-Age Girls" by Slattery. The First Unit of the Standard Teacher Training Course takes up the pupil, or the child. The minister and superintendent who sense the task of Christian education will see to it that there is a local teacher training class finishing at least two units a year, that is to say, twenty lessons. They should know the Bible in its several divisions, should acquaint themselves with the lands of the Bible; the place many times suggests the event as well as the event suggests the place. I do not wish to leave the impression that only teachers need to prepare themselves for efficient work, the general superintendent should likewise inform himself for such an important field of labor. All who lead should strive to know. Organize a local training class to meet once a week, spending one hour, not for the purpose of passing an examination, and getting a credit card or a standard training diploma, but to become so informed that you will find great joy in touching and shaping life for time and eternity.

Training Through Weekend Institutes

Your field workers, though limited in number, are willing and delighted to receive an invitation from any school to hold them a weekend institute, gathering the workers from all departments of the school and with them think through the problems that trouble them in their local field. We are always glad to hold personal and group conferences. If too often some get it in their mind because we visited your school once that there is nothing more can be done to help the leaders in your church school better understand the program of religious education. Sometimes a state feels that the from-church-to-church-visitations that field workers has served its day but somehow I still believe that there is a place in our program for such instruction.

Training Through School of Methods

The standard school of methods is five days in duration. It can be held by a local church or a group of churches, district or a state. The standard Leadership Schools are intensive training schools making it possible for each student to receive one standard credit during the five or six days. We find it very difficult in a local church to have full attendance for five days, using the beforenoons for class work and afternoon for rest, study and recreation, we are able now to give credit work carried in an evening schedule of which the following is typical:

7:10-8:40 first class period.
8:40-8:35 assembly.
8:40-9:30 second class period.

In this case each class has two sessions each evening. There is really no excuse for any local church to neglect the training of its leadership. It only requires a little vision and push or to get acquainted with the five "sweet peas": Pray, Plan, Push, Present and Perform.

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DEADLY SINS  

For many ages, one of the ever-recurring arguments of the theologians was the classification of the human sins. Then the seven venial sins were called the deadly sins. The medieval era finally agreed that these sins were pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. But the emphasis has changed and in the latest classifications of the seven deadly sins, Canon Donaldson of the Westminster Abbey selects the following:  

Pleasure without conscience,  
Wealth without work,  
Justice without social justice,  
Knowledge without character,  
Commerce and industry without morality,  
Science without humanity,  
Worship without sacrifice.  

The main comparison between those of the former age and Canon Donaldson's selections is the change of the general character of the sins. In a former time religion and Christianity was an individual soul-saving enterprise, partaking of the constant reiteration of personal morality, individual sanctification, egotistic aspirations and heart failure. Today every one of the seven venial sins of medieval times was a reproach against God from the individual's standpoint. While of the latter most of them are the definition of the individual's relationship to his fellowman. All, even the last one on worship, is a wrong done to the social group.  

Religion and especially Christianity, has grown to meet the issues of a type of relationships that is concerned with the individuals part in the whole. "The Kingdom of God is Within You," and the measure of the kingdom has come to be the amount of social consciousness and social connection that is levenging the loaf. Salvation is the lifting of all, not alone of the individual soul, toward God.  

A TEST OF CIVILIZATION  

The noted case of the kidnapping and murder of Marian Parker of Los Angeles, Calif., is one that has been occupying the attention of the entire country for a month. In two ways is that case one that is the acid test of our civilization.  

First, in regard to the crime and its perpetrator, it shows that either medical science and psychological research has not been what it should be in detecting criminal propensities in the population, if the criminal is considered insane. If on the other hand he is sane, then our educational system has fallen down on the job at some point. Religious education would not turn out such a menace to innocent childhood as the slayer, whether it be the Hielean youth or another. Some vital thing is lacking in the life and education of the one who could be guilty of such an act. Such a first test has proven our civilization a failure. The only hope is that the educational system will be cemented to avoid the repetition of such a crime.  

Second, the cruelty of the crime revolted all who read of it. But the real thing that counts is the reaction of persons to the criminal. Supposedly intelligent persons have expressed a fiendish desire to torture the boy who was guilty, even more than he is thought to have butchered the Parker girl. Newspapers have been advocating the death sentence whether sane or insane.  

Third, the publicity that this case has received means that no jury will dare to return a verdict of "Not Guilty." The amount of space given means that no one has not formed an opinion of the case. Which means that lies will be told by the jurymen just to get a chance to innocently kill the Parker girl. Newspapers have been advocating the death sentence whether sane or insane.  

Why not try more overt acts of the Ku Klux Klan, by the hand of a Negro citizen, at the conclusion of an address by a Catholic priest and Army chaplain, with a company of American soldiers as witnesses. This occasion was planned for by Pastor Russell H. Bready of the Methodist church of Port Huron, Michigan. A church celebration that was inter-ethnic was observed in that town. On a flagpole given by a firm of Jewish dealers was raised a flag presented by the Ku Klux Klan, by the hand of a Negro citizen, at the conclusion of an address by a Catholic priest and Army chaplain, with a company of Canadian gunners and another company of American soldiers as witnesses. This occasion was planned for by Pastor Russell H. Bready of the Methodist church of Port Huron, as a part of his tolerance campaign.  

Why not try more overt acts of this kind to foster better social adjustments between the various groups?
A Christian Service in Cooperation
BY J. B. LEHMAN

OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE NOT NOTICED

Jesus was the first teacher in the world to discover to us the opportunities in adverse circumstances. Our own feelings are often that the ideal condition would be reached if everything would go favorably. The things that look the most discouraging are often the most encouraging. Take for example the fifteenth chapter of Luke. Jesus was invited by a tax collector to dine with him. His disciples were with him and bad men and possibly women who had gathered around the publican were also at the table. Scribes and Pharisees who were anxious to find something against Christ stood just outside the door and made a disturbance about it. Jesus welcomed the criticism for it is.

Then He characterized the disciples who are with Him in the following, "And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles." Here is the text of our lesson in this discourse. Every evil in the world is a challenge to good men, to become great. Let us illustrate. Frances E. Willard was an ordinary school-teacher, and there she might have stayed unknown to the world had it not been for the liquor traffic and the white slave traffic which were working together and destroying millions of lives. She became a temperance worker, a crusader, a judge for righteousness. She came to the head of an organization of millions of women. A statue of her was put into statuary hall and when prohibition finally came her statue alone was garlanded. Her memory is precious in the heart of all the good people.

This then gives us our lesson. The question is not, Do we have our rights? Do we get justice? Do we get fair play? The question is, Do we accept these challenges to bring the best that is in us out? If we are not doing it, then we are not making unto us friends by means of these wrongs in the world and there is nothing for us. Any group of people doing wrong are in a terrible disadvantage before a people suffering wrong and yet doing right as God would have them do right. There were twenty million people in America that were doing wrong through slavery. One man, Abraham Lincoln, accepted the challenge and made himself immortal. There were five million people living in Palestine in the time of Christ. Twelve men accepted the challenge of the wrongs of these five million people and made themselves the most powerful factors in the world.

Then let us not complain at wrongs, let us not get bitter against the wrongdoers, for they are to be pitied rather than execrated. But let us accept these wrongs as challenges to make ourselves the most powerful in the world. The law Jesus here enumerated is a common law and is as true today as in the time of Jesus. Which will we be in the present situation? Will we be the saviors of the situation? Or will we be the broken down sinners just waiting for the saviors? Or will we be the caviling scribes and Pharisees? Or will we be the humble disciples accepting the challenge of institutionalized vices and make of ourselves the great of the earth? Brethren, think on these things.

Beware of the Compromiser

In the long contest between good and evil, the evil has always contended for itself as long as it could do so; but when it saw it could not hold its position it always sought to compromise the good until it was lost. The men who abolished slavery sought to make it complete and so wrote it into the Constitution; but the men who did not want it abolished it set to compromise it until much of its value was lost. The first step was to refuse to pass laws to enforce it, and the next was to ignore many of its provisions. This was nullification, but they evaded that name and called it compromise.

We are now going through that experience with prohibition. Our national prohibition is the greatest social experiment ever undertaken by mankind, and it is already bringing marvelous results. We now have 23,000,000 automobiles which cost more than $22,000,000,000. And it costs as much more to keep them up with gasoline and repairs. This $46,000,000,000 is nearly one fifth of the wealth of the United States. Does anyone think we could have this if we had from five to twenty saloons in every small town? And while we still have some very poor people, we are going fast towards abolishing poverty. Nine out of every ten whiskey sots are now earning money for the family. If we maintain prohibition another fifty years in the right spirit there will be no poor people.

But a most vicious effort will be made to compromise prohibition so it will be nullified. Many millions of dollars will be spent in 1920 to accomplish the end. Newspapers and politicians will be bribed. This money will come from Europe and the old whiskey interests in America. They will say they are fighting for rights, but they will never define what they mean by rights. The real motive is to make money out of the poor slave to an appetite for drink. The drinkers are not making the fight, it is the men who want to make money off of them.

For the United States to recede from its high standard would be a backsliding comparable to the backslidings of Israel in the days of the Judges when they fell into bondage to other nations. This fight is going to be of peculiar interest to the Nation.

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Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GUBES, EDITOR

PROGRAM OF WORK

For Missionary Organizations

Preparation

Prepared for the Master's Use—

2 Timothy 2:15-21

April—

GUESTS. Invite as special guests all the women who have taken membership in young people in your town or community. Make your program a vital missionary appeal as well. Give special attention to the acquaintance fellowship hour following the program.

SERVICE. Special meetings during the month, given to the Junior department after school. Give a missionary program and have a time for games.

PREPARATION. April begins the final quarter of the missionary year. Are we prepared to close with every plan met? Make a study of finances; of membership and attendance; of the other missionary organizations. Do not wait until June to do the final work.

Plan for a delightful May meeting with all the mothers and all the children of the church and all the guests. Hunt these women out; call upon them; plan definitely as to how they are to be brought to the May meeting.

TO THINK ABOUT. How much missionary training are we giving the Junior children? How much cooperation are you giving the Junior Superintendent? How much needed instruction?

Have we studied without prejudice the woman who is uninterested in missions, tried sincerely to find the one point of contact that would arouse her?

INFORMATION. The Easter week of self-denial and prayer has been a part of the woman's missionary work for nearly half a century.

The Junior Congregation, Junior Christian Endeavor or Mission Band is for boys and girls 9-11 years of age and requires two or more superintendents.

INDIVIDUAL. How much time am I giving for missions? "From all parts of the church the cry is going up for a great evangelistic advance. Let the cry grow, but let all of us who join in it begin where we are today. It is not God who is resistant. We are strangled in ourselves by the timidity of our faith, the slackness of our obedience, the coldness of our zeal, the poverty of our love."—Robert E. Speer.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

REPORTER—Mrs. William Alphin,

Kansas City, Mo.

PRINCIPAL NATIONAL MEETING—April 11-15.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

The president of our Convention, Eld. Preston Taylor, made a fine contribution to the work. The trustees reported that from the end of the year the National Convention $1000.00 had been paid on the Chicago church with an interest of $600.00 on the loan. And the same church had been given the Christian Plea. Not only service but money also goes into the work of kingdom-building from Eld. Taylor.

The president of the W. M. S. was glad to report the visit to the Piedmont District Convention. The way was cleared by the National Convention bearing half the expenses and the other half by the other districts. Many of the ministers of that section claimed to have new light on missions from this visit and decided not to miss the future visits to their churches. This report also included the visit to the churches of Virginia and North Carolina for the two weeks preceding the National Convention when fine audiences and rapt attention was accorded her in each place. Eld. M. C. Walker of Winston-Salem, Eld. O. Zollar of Roanoke and Eld. J. F. Whitefield of Reidsville assured her that she was not only holding the missionary cause but to the church work generally.

The three addresses given in the afternoon session of the W. M. S. Convention by Mrs. Mary VanDuren of Missouri, Miss Bertha Adams of New York and Miss Ada Bolling were very fine that they all were voted to be published in full. The address by Miss Anna C. Clarke of the U. C. M. S. climaxined the afternoon session.

The report of our schools as given by Peter H. S. Calkins was very encouraging. After a brief survey of the work of the move on the part of the Home Department to make all of the schools Class A High School and Jarvis a Junior College doing accredited work. This was very happily received. The Kentucky school situation was favorably adjusted and the work of finding a new site to train ministers goes on apace.

Not many changes were made in the official staff of the W. M. S. Convention. Mrs. Susan Offutt of Ohio Recording Secretary, Miss Justina K. Spencer of Virginia, Assistant and Mrs. R. H. Rutsell of Kentucky. Secretary of Children's Work, were the more important changes.

Just before closing this article I want to say that we had a letter from the home of Mrs. Alvin B. Anderson saying her mother received the W. M. S. Convention just two days before she went away and appreciated it very highly. The Convention had learned to love Mrs. Anderson and we feel sure that her work will live after her. Miss Daisy J. Trout who is the head of the Woman's Missionary Organization department is able to begin her work after a siege of illness. I am sure that we all are praying for her good health and sufficient strength for the task of the hour and that we will grow closer in the Cooperative Work for God.

The local entertainment under the auspices of Eld. and Mrs. H. D. Griffin and their efficient laymen headed by Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Magowan, was splendid. The Monday evening program was composed of a presentation of the Negro were black and white. Mr. Magowan made an excellent presiding officer.

The closing sessions on Sunday were wound up by the singing of "At Rest" and formal adjournment of the entire convention. When those from many states can gather around the Lord's Table and reassemble themselves to the work in which they thought of Him and all might have a right to the Tree of Life—the real benediction of the convention is felt.
KY. VIA THE EVANGELIST

ELD. C. H. JOHNSON
STATE EVANGELIST

The Quarterly Session of District No. 2 met in Danville, Ky., Jan. 27-29 with five schools represented. Much inspiration was gleaned from the excellent papers read by the loyal workers of that district.

Rev. J. E. Wood of the First Baptist Church of that city with Rev. A. W. Jackson of the A. M. E. church were present at some of the sessions and urged the workers to go forward in putting over the program of kingdom-building. The choir sang as never before under the supervision of Miss Myrtle Richardson.

Mrs. L. G. Smith, president of the district, with that group of fine workers in Danville, entertained the convention to the highest.

Mrs. O. J. Laughlin of Junction City, read a paper on "The Bible School" that was complimented highly by Rev. Jesson. A number of visitors were present and made helpful remarks. Everyone went away well pleased and none left hungry.

Elds. Letton and Everett were present and gave some great messages. As a fitting tribute to the state president, the district president asked the convention to bow in prayer with Mr. J. T. Smith leading. Mrs. Taylor just lost her husband.

On Sunday, the writer preached morning and evening for the Danville church. This congregation is without a pastor. Anyone interested can get in communication with Mr. George Fish, 521 Russell St., Danville, Ky.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

REPORTER—MR. WILLIAM J. AYERS

The Mount Olive Christian Church of Youngstown has been resurrected and is now living under the pastorate of Elder J. E. Blair, a speaker and evangelist from Cleveland, Ohio. For nearly three months previous to Eld. Blair's ministry, all of our efforts seemed doomed to a failure and the little flock, long without a pastor, wandered as sheep without a shepherd. However since the coming of Eld. Blair and the splendid results derived from his wholesome preaching, the congregation has decided to work together harmoniously.

Eld. Blair delivered two sermons on the Lord's Day, Jan. 15, "The Heart" and "Building Up the Brotherhood." We were favored with large audiences each service and two were added to the church. The singing was the best we have ever had, led by Mr. Meek.

On Jan. 10th the church gave a delightful entertainment and the proceeds were used for a communion set.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

FROM THE EAST

REPORTER—MRS. ARDELLA STAPLES, BALTIMORE, MD.

Woman's Day, which was observed in Mt. Olivet Christian Church in December was a success. At 11 a.m. the pastor preached from the subject, "Perfect Love." Text 1 John 4:17, "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment." At 3 p.m. a splendid literary program was rendered by the Woman's Missionary Society in which many prominent speakers helped to supplement the pageant entitled "Perfect Love" was presented by the Society at 8 p.m. and was greatly enjoyed by all who witnessed it. The offering was sent to the U. C. M. S.

On Xmas night a beautiful cantata, entitled "Heralds of Jesus" was presented by the choir and was largely attended.

New Year's Eve marked the beginning of one of the greatest revivals that has been held in the history of Mt. Olivet Church. Eld. R. E. Hancock of Kentucky was the preacher. The revival closed Sunday, Jan. 15th with 31 additions, 19 by baptism. Eld. Hancock is a great evangelist. No church would make a mistake by securing his services. Not being able to pay him the worth of his valuable services, we gave him a small donation of $100.00 and expenses.

Our pastor, Eld. W. H. Taylor, is always glad to have the ministers of the Brotherhood visit us at any time.

We are now planning for our spring revival which will begin the first week after Easter, during which time we hope to have Eld. R. H. Davis of Cincinnati, Ohio.

We solicit the prayers of the Brotherhood.

DAYTON, OHIO

REPORTER—B. H. JOHNSON

We are on with our revival. Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C., came to us Jan. 10th and is doing some great preaching, filling the house to capacity the first nights.

Eld. Peters is a great gospel engineer. He came into the roundhouse on Tuesday night and got his mule engine out. He went down into the yards to make up his train. Wednesday night, with his train made up, he got on to the siding ready to pull at the main line. Thursday night he pulled out and is now going up the grade under a good head of steam. Eld. Peters is a great minister. May he live long to do the work he loves so well to do.

A sleeping church has been aroused as never before. Many converts are coming forward. Every one goes away seemingly much benefited.

Will report soon again.

HOLLAND, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

January 15th, Holland Chapel enjoyed a wonderful Bible School. Owing to the fact that there are four different faiths in this community and that each one has its own Sunday, the Disciples of Christ have the third Sunday. Hence our Bible School is not up to the standard.

We had services in the afternoon. The subject of the discourse was "Follow Me—Jesus' Life Line." Many were inspired and plans were made for our weekly work in the schools. Many little banks have been sent out to the white and colored Disciples. These will continue to be distributed until the first of April and we are trusting that our friends will heed the Macedonian cry from this small group of fifteen Disciples with ten active. These little children are crying "Come over and help us." Gifts will be received no matter how small from anyone. The names of those contributing will appear in the Christian Plea.

I am striving and my motto is "A church built in Holland." The goal shall be God's House beside the tracks of the M. K. & T. R. R., and we ask your prayers for our success.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

Jan. 22 the Murphy Street Christian Church enjoyed a wonderful program given by the Christian Endeavor under the leadership of Miss Maude Campbell of the First Christian Church. The Society has as guests many of the members of the First Church which is the white church of this city.

Mrs. Arah Garrett furnished the music. Miss D. Hall sang a solo—the spiritual, "My Lord, What a Morning." Many inspiring and instructive thoughts were expressed by the different speakers.

We are grateful to Eldress Maude Davis for the occasion of bringing these churches into such fellowship and cooperation.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. L. A. WHYTE

The Clark St. Christian Church and every auxiliary is doing active service.

Eld. N. H. Johnson is proud of his flock and they are also proud of him. Sunday, Jan. 22nd the services were excellent both morning and evening. Subject for the morning was "Jesus and the Law" and for the evening, "The Son of Man Came to Save the Lost." The Bible School attendance was also good.

Eld. J. C. Jones was with us Sunday Jan. 15th. He is a promising young minister and is ready for active service. His sermon on "Christian Growth" was splendid.
**S. C. I. NOTES**

Our hearts were made glad by the recent visit of the Ross family just returned from mission fields in Africa. They spent a happy time here, speaking in nearly all of our services. We are greatly indebted to them for their fresh and valuable information.

Sunday January 8th was our regular missionary meeting. Mrs. J. B. Lehman, president of the society, was the leader. She asked for voluntary talks on the impressions left by the messages of the Rosses. A large number of voluntary remarks were made in an informal but interesting meeting.

One of the recent athletic events of interest was the tennis match between Nelson Toles-Eli Wilbert vs. Jonas Sneed-Cleo Blackburn. The final result was a tie.

Saturday, Jan. 14th our annual music recital was staged. Besides the entire student body and faculty, a number of visitors from the neighboring hamlets were present to listen to the performances. Each one acquitted himself creditably.

Sunday Jan. 15th Pres. J. B. Lehman preached an interesting sermon on "Prohibition." He proved by statistics that the law has accomplished and urged the students to help in making the law more effective.

On that Sunday our regular C. E. meeting was held with Mr. Cleophas Haygood as leader. Officers were elected at this time as follows:

President—John Reid, Freshman College.
Vice President—Howland Bonner, Senior Academy.
Secretary—Henrietta Bradford, Junior.
Asst. Secy.—Evelyn Haygood, Freshman College.
Treasurer—Nelson Toles, College class.

The new officers said "That with the cooperation of the members, they were hopeful of a bright future for the C. E." A part of the pledges were paid and the meeting ended with a prayer by Miss Lula M. Franklin.

The Y. M. C. A., met at 3:30 on that afternoon with Mr. Emmett Discon as leader. Two faculty members, Profs. Long and Thomas were present and the gist of the program was voluntary contribution on lessons drawn from the daily reading of Matthew.

The change from the cold weather to milder temperature has stimulated Profs. Jacobs and Hanna, two of the agricultural directors, to make preparations for the planting of an early crop of garden and farm produce.

Now that our first semester has ended and the examinations are over, we are ready to tackle the second half of the year's work with a right good will. Let us strive to make the most of our opportunities. Speaking of unneeded opportunities, George Eliot says, "It is as the infertile egg, which the waves wash away into nonentity."

Let us dream our dream big dreams, Think big things, Rise up with Faith, with Energy and Unconquerable Determination, to Accomplish Great Deeds.

---Isaac Henderson

**NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY**

**REPORTER—MISS ALPHA PENN, BOANOKE, VA.**

The presence of Eld. J. F. Whinfield in the morning services on Jan. 22nd, brought sunshine to the hearts of all present. He has been indisposed for more than a month but we are glad to say he is rapidly improving.

At 11:00 A. M. Jan. 29th Eld. J. F. Whinfield delivered a wonderful sermon from Acts 29:2. The choir was at its best and all enjoyed a splendid service.

The Union Evangelistic Campaign held in this city for more than two weeks, was a success spiritually and financially. The meeting was conducted by Eld. Milton Sparks of New York. Many souls were brought to Christ.

On Feb. 10th Eld. Francis Hum Scott of the First Christian Church, (white) was present. "An Evening in Dixie," a humorous lecture-recital, was given, assisted by the Twilight Singers and other local talent. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Minute Men's Club of the Ninth Ave. Christian Church.

**LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**REPORTER—MRS. M. S. HUBERT**

Officers of the Wadsworth Christian Church at 32nd and Wadsworth Streets were installed at the services held Jan. 8, 1928. They were as follows:

Trustees—Messrs. Booth, Holland and Hopper.
Deacons—Messrs. Scarab, and temporarily retained, George and Vernon Strange.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Holland.
Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. Waldor.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. Strange Hubert.
Treasurer—Mrs. Hopper.
Paster—Eld. C. B. Torrence.

The officers of the Bible School include:

Superintendent—Mr. Scarab.
Asst. Supt.—Mr. Cothran.
Treasurer—Mrs. Nelson.
Teachers—Mr. Hopper, retained, and Mrs. Cothran, additional.
Secretary—Mrs. Orena Cothran.

**CARLISLE, KENTUCKY**

**REPORTER—BETTIE S. JOHNSON**

We wish to tell the readers of the Christian Plea about our splendid revival of November last. Our pastor conducted the first week meeting, arousing the members to the sense of their duty. After this was done Eld. R. H. Davis came and preached a week for us. Each sermon was interesting. Three persons were added and two reclaimed. While the number of additions was small, yet the church was strengthened in many ways.

Eld. Davis is an excellent preacher and a man of attractive personality. May he long continue to preach these inspiring sermons.

The state Evangelist, Eld. C. H. Johnson was with us one night and we were very pleased to have him.

We are now lined up for another financial drive which we hope will be successful.

Our Christmas exercises were well attended and the children's choir under the supervision of Mrs. S. M. Wilson and Bettie S. Johnson were at their best.

Pray that we may not become weary in well doing but that our efforts may be attended with earnestness and determination.

**CINCINNATI NEWS**

**REPORTER—MRS. R. T. KELLEY, KENYON AVE. CHURCH.**

Friday evening, Dec. 16, 1927, members of the Kenyon Ave. Church gave a reception for the pastor, Eld. R. H. Davis, in appreciation of his earnest, sincere and faithful service during the past eleven years. Each member was asked to donate 10¢ for each year of his service.

Friday, Dec. 23, a Biblical pageant rendered by the pupils of the School of Religious Education from Beginners to Intermediates, carried our minds back to the birth of our Lord and Master and traced His life through its activities to His death and Ascension.

Three children took the part of Jesus, one as an infant, one at twelve and the third as a grown man. The entire program was beautifully carried out with Mr. Cray and Mrs. Markham, supervising.

The Junior Church service Sunday, Dec. 29, was indeed inspiring. All this service was joined in by the union of all. There were seven joined in for the baptism and three from the Baptist church. All had been members of the Bible School.

**THINGS TO DO IN MARCH**

**EMPHASIZE CHRISTIAN P. L. E. A. MONTH.**

**PREPARE PASTOR PROGRAM FOR BIBLE SCHOOL.**

**PLAN EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER FOR W. M. S.**

**ENGAGE IN A GREAT PRE-EASTER EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.**

---THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
NOTES FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS REPORTER—J. Q. HURDLE

The 13th Street Christian Church is moving onward rapidly. There have been five additions in the last four weeks.

The church is doing much charitable work. Eld. L. Leatherman, the foundation stone of the Christian Church here in Austin, has been very feeble for more than a year. The pastor and members gave him a shower last week. Eld. Leatherman and his wife appreciated it so much. Pastor G. W. Taylor led off with a cash donation of $2.00. Other donations followed and some few pounds were given. Eld. Leatherman and Mrs. Leatherman confessed the faith of the Church of Christ many years ago. Eld. D. C. Allen received their confession when he was doing evangelistic work in Texas. These two persons held the church together in Austin for twelve years, holding the meetings in their home until 1920 when the U. C. M. S. came to our rescue. Pres. Lehman heard our cry and now we are moving along nicely. Both Eld. Leatherman and his wife have been present in Bible School—taking an active part every Sunday morning when they could be present. They have missed only a few times in the last eight years. Only sickness or death has kept them away. The church feels the need of their presence. These two veterans of the cross celebrated their 61st marriage anniversary last Christmas.

Death took our good brother, Moses Guest this month. He has been equal to Brother Leatherman in faithfulness. We shall miss him.

We are all pleased with our pastor, Eld. G. M. W. Taylor who will celebrate his First Anniversary the first Sunday in March.

OAKWOOD BOULEVARD CHURCH

REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYREE, CHICAGO, ILL.

Sunday Jan. 15th.—Bible School well attended—Mrs. James L. Brooks. Supt. Morning services were attended with the Pastor, Eld. G. R. Dorsey, preaching from the subject, “Drifting”—Heb. 2:1. This was a wonderful sermon and at its close one lady from Houston, Texas was added.

The Christian Endeavor is a live wire of the church and more will be said later about these young people and their efficient leader—Mr. Raymond Walton. At the evening services the choir rendered its monthly musical with the following program:

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Anthem: "Pine Needles," Mr. Smith
Choir: "Bethlehem Stars," Dr. T. Phillips
Solo: "Mrs. Mills"
Reading: Mrs. Ruth Washington
Anthem: "O Star of Wonder," Mr. C. H. Dickerson
Piano Solo: Miss Brooks
Remarks: Dr. T. Phillips

The choir under the guidance of Mr. E. C. Welch and Mrs. Goldie G. Martin, deserves much credit.

Sunday, Jan. 22, the text was found Luke 14:18—"And they all with one consent began to make excuses." This was the pastor’s masterpiece of sermonody. At the evening services, Eld. James Williams a young elder of the church preached.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 was the annual church meeting of the Oakwood Blvd. Church when the reports of all departments were given. Eld. Perry Rice, secretary of the City Missionary Society, was present and made a statement concerning the properties, Armour Ave., Lawrence Ave., and Oakwood Blvd. All are in good condition.

The financial report:

Receipts in 1927: $8,025.36
Disbursements: 7,126.77

In treasury: $898.49

All departments made excellent reports. A few changes were made in the board, Mr. Lewis, Assistant Sec.—Mr. Foster, Treasurer—Mr. Roberston, Clerk—Hattie Tyree. The other officers are as before. Many good recommendations were made by the pastor and accepted.

We are looking forward to the coming of the National Convention.

FROM N. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK

News—We enjoyed at Mt. Sinai a great sermon by our new pastor, Eld. G. B. Hervey on the subject, “Blessings through Obedience” Matt. 5:2-8. He stressed the great power of Jesus’ teaching His disciples the sort of spirit and heart that they must possess. All seemed to enjoy the sermon. After the sermon the women rendered a short program. It was composed of three good papers on missionary work and the recitations of four little girls under the leadership of Mrs. Laura Mitchell. Those giving $1.00—Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Mrs. Emma Thompson, Mrs. Rosa Haney, G. A. Brueck and L. Martin. Those giving 50¢—Joe Smith, Jonas Williams, John Harris and John Thompson. Those giving 25¢—Ben Mitchell and G. B. Hervey.

Let 1928 bring more money and more subscriptions to the Christian Plea from Arkansas especially that all the work may advance.

PROGRAM

Bible School Institute of the Second District at Danville Christian Church

Friday Night
Special Program by Danville and Delegates

Saturday
Devotions—Eld. R. A. Thurman
Greetings.
Appointment of committees.
Address: Eld. T. R. Everett
Music, offering, adjournment.

Sunday
Devotions—Eld. W. H. Goode
Address: W. Herman Miller, of Danville
Special music.
Remarks: Georgetown Solo
Adventists: E. C. H. Dickerson
Bible School Literature: Miss Brooks
Bible School Literature: Mrs. M. E. Taylor and Eld. C. H. Dickerson
Music, offering, adjournment.

Sunday 10 A. M.—Bible School
Sunday 11 A. M.—Morning Worship

PERSONALS

Mrs. Rosan R. Grubba spent the holidays with her parents, Elder and Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Isaiah Warner of New Orleans is visiting his brothers here.

Mrs. Mary Michell spent Christmas in Vicksburg.

Mr. Daniel Braxton and wife spent Christmas in Jackson visiting relatives.

Miss Viola Martin came from school to spend the Christmas with her mother.

Miss Claudia Stanpley was home from Alcorn for Christmas.

Mr. A. J. Stanpley’s house caught on fire January 1st, but was put out before much damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin visited relatives at Church Hill.

Miss Bossie Chandler of Nashville, Tenn., who is now attending school at the S. C. I. and Miss Lula Mae Franklin of Savannah, Ga., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin.

FALLEN ASLEEP

Miss Janie Clabaugh, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Clabaugh, fell asleep Dec. 31st. She had been sick for a long time.

She was buried at Forest Grove, Jan. 2nd, Elders D. Beal and I. C. Franklin officiating.

She leaves a father, mother, one sister, a brother, quite a few relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss—Christian Dispatch.
ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION
W. M. S. DEPARTMENT

THE 27th Annual Session of the W. M. S. was opened at 9:30 by the president, Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

After devotional, enrollment and appointment of committees was in order. At 10:00 we were favored with an interesting lecture from Prof. P. H. Moss, National Secretary of Religious Education on the "Present Needs for Further Work." Invitations were extended.

At 10:30 an impressive message on "The Greatness of Woman and Her Reward" was delivered by the president, Mrs. S. L. Bostick. At 11:00 V. G. Smith made an appeal on behalf of the Christian Plea and all seemed moved by the character and timeliness of his message.

1:30 marked a round-table discussion on "How to Gain New Members" opened by Mrs. Sarah Richardson with her usual supply of thoughtful suggestions. Others followed.

Afternoon at 1:30 a discussion on "Loyal Leadership" was opened by Mrs. Minnie Guyden and discussed by many others. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in the reporting of last year's work from the different societies. Through the many hindrances, much improvement could be observed.

REPORT OF SOCIETIES

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DIRECOTORY OF W. M. S. CONVENTION

Mrs. S. L. Bostick, President.
Mrs. Minnie Guyden, Secretary.
Mrs. Mary Franklin, District Worker.
Mrs. Sarah Richardson, District Worker.

REPORT OF STATE WORKER AND TREASURER

Societies organized 2
Societies visited 5
District meetings 8
Letters written 100
Postal cards 15
Dec. 31 post 17
Receipts from state and societies $52.35
Disbursements for all purposes $40.35

Balance $12.60

Attended the International Convention in Memphis, Tenn.

REPORT OF FUTURE WORK COMMITTEE

1. Each worker and all officers of this department shall cooperate with the entire program of the church. Each one should be active in advertising the visits of field workers. Further the entire church should observe all special days with a program that the minister whose day it is said with a sacrificial offering by the church.

2. A worker shall be appointed in each of the two districts to help influence the societies into active service. Each Missionary Society should be urged to attend the Quarterly District Meeting with an allowance of 50 cents per quarter.

3. Each society will send one-third of the monthly district to the district worker at the end of each quarter with the district worker reporting the amount to the receiving society. Each church worker be asked to organize missionary and Junior C. E. Societies wherever possible and visit and boost the societies.

4. That the state president visit the societies and use his influence in boosting the work.

5. Each state officer be paid one-half his fare over a distance of twenty-five miles. Further that all state officers give societies the proper information about the Three Year Program of Work.

6. The State Board shall hold two meetings this year at intervals of six months at a time and place convenient to the workers and inviting all members.

Committee:

Mrs. S. L. Bostick,
Mrs. Sarah Richardson,
Eld. E. L. Turner,
Prof. M. H. Smith.

AIMS FOR 1927-28 FOR THE WOMEN OF ARKANSAS

On National appropriation $200.00
New organizations 5
World Christian Day 10
King Builder subscriptions 10
Souls converted 20

A monthly meeting for every society.

The Christian Plea in every home.

These were aims set by the president in her address and accepted.

Mrs. Winnie Guyden, Secy.

PROGRAM

Of the Bible School Quarterly Meeting,
Held at Forest Grove January 31st and 2nd

Saturday, 10:00. House called to order by the chairman.
Devotion by Mr. M. C. Claibora and Margie Buck.
Enrollment of delegates.
Appointment of committees.
Minutes of the last meeting.
Song by Mr. J. C. Coffey.
Prayer by Mr. Harry Wells, Sr.
Introductory sermon, Elder A. B. Moore, Sumner High School.
Offering by Mr. Floyd Hedinck and Estella Hill. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

Devotions by Mr. E. W. Williams and Annie Clark.
Reports of schools.
Discussion: "How can we make the school interesting for the year 1928?"

Offering by Abo Johnson and Lounay Haywood. Adjournment.

Evening Session

Devotions by Mrs. Jessie Nettie and Emma Wells.
Paper by Miss Mary Ella Wells.
Welcome address by Miss Hattie Wells.
Response by Mr. W. M. Weaver.
Serenade by C. E. and Junior C. E.
Offering by Mr. M. J. Chambliss and Eliza Wells. Adjourn.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

SUNDAY, Jan. 29, seemed to be Ministers' Day at Centennial. At the morning service the rostrum was filled with visiting divines. Eld. J. R. Gibbs of Forest, Mo., delivered the sermon message on the subject—"God Give Us Men." Eld. Cornell Poston of Fulton, Mo., at his teaching, and was making a quick trip to the city and worshiped with Centennial. Eld. A. B. Moore, pastor at New Haven, was enjoying one of his Sundays off and was present at Eld. Baynolds of the Baptist Church, at present connected with the American Insurance Co. of the city, was also serviceable in the invocation.

The choir of Centennial is getting in some new blood and the director, Mrs. Genoves Dunnell, expects to recruit enough to have a twenty voice chorus. Then the music will be another of the drawing cards of the church.

Centennial boasts of two graduates of Summer High School in the January class in the persons of Misses Helen Macklin, niece to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Griffin, and Miss Margaret Green, daughter of the pastor. Eld. J. J. Green.

Our missionary society held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. A. B. Moore the treasurer of the organization.

Sunday, February 5th was observed as World Day and a special defense rendered. The outstanding feature of the day was the morning address by Mrs. Young of the Y. W. C. A. of St. Louis. An offering was taken for the National Apportionment. Miss Elizabeth Givens is the present leader in the society.

The Brotherhood, an auxiliary of the church that meets on Tuesday evening for Bible Study, has organized two classes in study methods and in religious information. Prof. Hutchinson, a professor at Sumner High School, is the teacher of one while Eld. Green the pastor, conducts the other. Mr. J. H. Harely is president of this auxiliary.

The liberal offer made Centennial by the City Mission was accepted by the church board and all that remains now is to meet the payments of $75.00 per month. This amount plus the current expenses and incidentals will require the loyal and continuous cooperation of every member. May we count on each one?

Miss Portia Payne, teacher of a Bible School class, has been absent two Lord's Days on account of illness but is able to be back in her place now.

Jewell Harris, niece of the fine older members of the church, is confined to her home on account of bad weather and ill health. Mrs. Harris is one of the most faithful of Centennial members, often putting younger members to shame by her attendance on most disagreeable Sundays.

The Christian Endeavor Society is planning the observance of C. E. Day some time in March. The play, "Crusade with Christ," is in process of rehearsal. This is the only missionary day for this department.

Sunday Morning 9 O'clock
Sunday School taught by Mr. Harry Wells.
Devotions by Mr. Sheddwick Watts and Paulia Garrison.
Minutes of the first day session.
Unfinished and new business.
Sunday Evening 7 O'clock
Saturday Time
Serenade by Sister Leora Trevillian.
Paper by Mrs. L. A. Johnson.
Teachers' and superintendents' conference, led by Mrs. G. A. Franklin.
Exercises of different schools to its close.
Serenade by Elder L. C. Franklin.
Offering by Mr. C. A. James and Percy Wells.
Announcements and benediction.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
CONTRIBUTION OF WOODLAND AVE. TO THE BROTHERHOOD

A Paper Read at the Brotherhood Rally of the Christian Church of Kansas City, Mo.

BY MRS. MARY BROWN

WOODLAND AVE. might have been called the 'roving church' for it was hard to find a location for the church. After dwelling in one place and then another, we finally bought our present site and made our first contribution to the brotherhood, a church building. Mr. J. R. Brown, who at this time is acting as clerk, teaching classes and serving on the faculty of one of our Christian schools. Prof. William Alphin is doing a great work in Piedmont Christian last acting as clerk, teaching classes and preaching to both the church and the school. He is a man whom we all know and admire, a man who wishes to change: He said to John, "Who art thou?" John answered him, "Thou art the Son of God, which hast revealed this to thee but my father which is in heaven.

Another contribution we have been able to make to the brotherhood is a young man named John Brown, who is a true Christian. He used the rod and led us into thorny paths, but he often lifted John Brown to the heights of his own

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

By Mrs. Maude Davis, Taylor, Texas

IT IS strange indeed how the religious world at large and some of the theologians have grossly misunderstood the blessed Saviour in His uplifting the Kingdom of God here on earth. It appears few would be so greedy dogs. He would devour the word of God for his own personal use and would lay claim to that which suited their immediate use and try and stamp out the rest to keep others from speaking from it. So it is with any man who wishes to drive from the gospel field, "Woman." If men once much will be learned. He said to John, "Power over shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name shall in no wise lose his soul."

For any thing has helped to retard the growth of the Christian Church it is this "old foggy." There is only one way to a Christian; that is by Jesus teaching. Jesus laid down the law and the plan of Salvation. That is not for man to change. He said, "I will do all things for you and will give you a cup of water to drink in my name shall in no wise lose his soul."

You might as well try to argue with a hungry bear or a leaping lion as to attempt to dismiss a person, of course, to speak of persons; the Son of the living God, He said, "Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jona, Flesh and blood have not revealed this to thee but my father which is in heaven.

The church is Christ's body. We as individuals should commune with him spiritually. Sect, flesh and blood have not revealed this to thee but my father which is in heaven.

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THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

Rev. J. Hall, Pastor of St. Stephens Church at Trenton, N. C. Preached January 8, 1928

A Good Soldier—2 Timothy 2:3

THE text is equally applicable to the private Christian, as to the Apostle or Bishop of the army of Jesus Christ. All the disciples are alike engaged in spiritual warfare. All are called to fight the good fight of faith, and all now wear the armor of God, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Martial language is often applied to the servants of God. And true religion involves in it a necessary and constant warfare. All religion involves in it a necessary and constant warfare.

Observe:

I. The Christian soldier becomes such as he voluntarily enlists in the army of Jesus. He abandons his former course and freely and voluntarily surrenders himself, by faith, to God. He ceases to be an enemy, which he was in his carnal state through the enmity of his mind. He has felt the evil of opposing the counsel and authority of God. He has been convinced of the folly and injustice of fighting against God and to devote himself fully and for ever to the service of the Lord.

II. The Christian soldier is clothed in the armor of God. This is fully described by the apostles, Eph. 6:13.

(1) I will be seen that the loins are to be girt with truth.
(2) The breastplate is to be righteousness.
(3) The shoes or sandals, the preparation of the gospel of peace. Then there is,
(4) The shield of faith.
(5) The helmet of hope. And the offensive weapon is,
(6) The sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

III. The Christian soldier fights under the standard of the Cross. This is the center of attraction to all the soldiers of Jesus. This is the appointment which the conquistos of the Savior are effecting, and his spiritual dominions enlarged. This is the power and wisdom of God to the overthrow of the stronghold of sin; and this is the object of glorifying to all the disciples of Christ, 'God forbid that I should glory.'

IV. The Christian soldier is commanded, by Jesus the Captain of Salvation, to fight the good fight of faith. Christ is emphatically styled the Captain of their Salvation, Heb. 2:10. He has gone before his followers and overcome in their nature, their foes, and was made perfect through suffering. He leads and has, in myriads of instances been triumphant, until he tramples on the neck of the king of terrors, and exclaims, 'Glory to God, who giveth, me the victory,' etc.

V. The Christian soldier has to wage war with many enemies. He has to wrestle with flesh and blood to overcome the evils of his own nature, the unbelief of his own heart. Within are fears and doubts, and unbelief, much ignorance, self-pride, etc. These must be subduéd. All must be slain. Flesh must be mortified. Spirit made ascendant and made to reign. There are also foes without—the world, in all its evils and opposition, are leagued to the powers of hell—Satan and the legions of darkness. With these enemies there is manifest confusion and contradiction. United they are formidable and dangerous.

To wage uncompromising war and overcome them, is the duty and end contemplated by the soldier of Christ. After all, for the Christian's encouragement, they are represented as being subject to God's controlling power, the fullness of limited means of evil, and have, in myriads of instances been triumphantly vanquished by the soldier of Christ.

VI. The Christian soldier must fight and be faithful unto death. His campaign will extend through life, and the last enemy he must conflict is death. His martial toils must be patiently borne, and he in an offensive fighting maintained, until he tramples on the neck of the king of terrors, and exclaims, 'Glory to God, who giveth, me the victory,' etc.

VII. The Christian Soldier shall receive a glorious and eternal reward. Having suffered with Christ they shall be glorified together, Rom. 8:17. Having overcome they shall have dominion, Rev. 2:26. Be clothed in white raiment, Rev. 3:5; sit with Christ on his throne, Rev. 3:21; eat hidden manna, Rev. 2:17; and receive from Christ's hands the crown of eternal life, Rev. 2:10.

Application

1. Let the soldier of Christ rejoice in the sources of comfort, provision and victory, which are presented to him in the word of God. How necessary that he cleave closely to Jesus, obey his commands and read in his steps.
2. Ugo the thoughtless sinner to cease his rebellion, sue for mercy, and obtain a place and name in the army of Christ.
3. How certain the destruction of the enemies of Christ.

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH LIFE

Eld. William Alphin, Editor

THINK WITH ME ON THESE THINGS

The Plea is looking and talking better each month. The editorial page last month must have made 'Old Hickory' rub his bold head down some books. That is fine. Keep it up.

That straight punch from the shoulder—‘A Disgrace’—was most 'Little Sally, but it's good.' But Solomon was also a wise man and his sayings demand looking up before quoting. Often some church member is a tattler, busybody in affairs of others, dancers, card and policy players, opposers to missions and even preachers, thwarting him, or hop, to their favorite translation.

Many should be anxious to learn the reasons of the church to our appeal to raise their apportionments for the $1,500 to help finance the Christian Plea. If we are as enthusiastic in having our churches give as we are to vote that they raise it, the churches will raise it.

Last year the churches in Texas succeeded in getting only $32.00 to the General Fund. In six months of this year the reports show they have given $193.00. This is being cleared in Texas and the pastors and state officers intend to place Texas on the record where it belongs this year.

National Apportionment

The National Convention apportioned the churches $4,000 for the general fund and $1,500 for the Christian Plea Fund. The $1,500 is apportioned not to the organized departments but to the churches.

This apportionment for the church has been considered by some as too small. Considering our ability both in numbers and financially this is true. But when we consider the lack of training and appealing to the churches in the past to respond to missionary calls, as much as the organized departments have been trained to respond, plus the lack of loyalty, sincerity and interest (and I must say at the National Convention—no, that is in 'A Disgrace') the apportionment to the churches is a challenge.

The Record to February 1

The apportionment to the General Fund was sent to the churches early in the Miscellaneous Year (September). The reports show the following number of churches from each state paying all or part of its apportionment:

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Conventions Church Departments

One church is asked for $150 and it has paid half. Five are asked for $100 and one has paid $120 (S. G. L.) with four O. C. Church was asked for $2,000,00 and paid $103.50. This record shows a number of our pastors and churches are, at least, tardy in raising their apportionments. Nearly two thirds of the missionary year has passed. The appeals have been made. The work is not done by the conventions, it is our responsibility as local churches to forward under unanswerable financial conditions on account of the tardiness of the churches in raising their apportionments. This apportionment, we all surely know, are to meet the promises of the National Convention to help in carrying on the plan of work adopted by the Convention. If the U. C. M. S. had been as tardy as we in meeting their promises in financially supporting the work for our people, WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE RESULT? The U. C. M. S. has a perfect moral and legal right to expect of us what we have promised and if we are not or cannot we will be called upon to meet the demands of the work. While the churches and departments of the National Convention have never raised its promised $1,500,974 in the budget, the work has gone on. Although on account of our failure, the work in some places is being retarded, it has made wonderful strides along all essential lines. Surely we are more optimistic about our general work today than ever before in our history.

If we would think together and think straight, the conclusion must be for this year to 'Take our feet off the brake and step on the Gas' for better speed. (To be continued.)

Renauds

Mr. M. B. Jefferson, Albany, N. Y.
Mrs. Gus Mitchell, Kerr, Ark.
Mrs. M. L. French, Louisville, Ky.
THE OLD YEAR HAS GONE

- Mrs. Leona Holz, Mayfield, Ky.
- Bear this in mind what e'er befalh
- The hand Divine rules over all.
- And when we greet the glad New Year
- With all its joy and social cheer,
- Let each resolve his best to give;
- That this new year may better live.
- And as we go out this way let
- Shed sweet sunshine's golden ray.
- Then when the sands of life are run
- We'll bear the welcome, "Well, well done,
- Come reach the joys prepared for you";
- Ring out the Old: Ring in the New.

January 27 to 29, 1928

The following special training events are on the schedule of the field force for this summer with probable dates:

- S. C. I. Young Peoples' Conference—May 28—June 3
- Piedmont School of Methods—June 11-15, 16
- Ohio School of Methods—June 18-22
- Mid-West Young Peoples Conference—June 25—July 1

Promotion for the first and last items will be done through the office of V. G. Smith, Young People's Sec'y, while Prof. P. H. Moss, with Mr. C. W. Blackburn as committee chairman, will promote the Schools of Methods through his office.

A pre-Convention discussion group on Race Relations was organized in Dayton, Ohio, by V. G. Smith with Messrs. J. C. Riffle and H. L. France as adult advisors and Miss Beatrice Howard as leader. West and Crawford, with Misses Riffle and Evilla Howard, the last acting as chairman, form the personnel of the Findings Committee. This group hopes to have representatives at Columbus ready to make a vital contribution.

At Southern Christian Institute, an official pre-Convention discussion group on Race Relations was set up by Prof. P. H. Moss, with Mr. C. W. Blackburn as leader. Three other groups were set up with Miss Bessie Chandler, Elementary Supt.-Elec't; Mr. J. C. Riffle and Miss Beatrice Howard, at the afternoon meeting. These certificates can be obtained by addressing Mr. H. B. Holloway, 425 De Biltiere Ave., St. Louis, Mo., and requesting the certificates. A self-addressed and stamped envelope must accompany every letter.

Eld. W. H. Dickerson, pastor at Lockland, O., is able to be about his Father's business. His blood pressure has lowered considerably, and yet leading his people into larger fields of service, nified by his good wife.

Friday evening, Feb. 17, one of the church clubs at the Second St. Christian Church at Lexington, Ky., put on a program which was attended by a large house and raised $42.00. The night was an entertainment but the enthusiasm quelled its disagreeableness.

Page Twelve
Easter Sunrise Prayer Meeting
April 8, 1928, 6:30 to 7:30
Jesse M. Bader, Secretary of Evangelism

LEADER’S PROGRAM

Hymn.—"“Holy, Holy, Holy.”
Have congregation stand. Sing all stanzas.

Prayer.—By the Leader.

Scripture.—John 20. Have some one commit to memory and recite the entire chapter. Assign this part to a high school girl or boy.

Hymn.—“Take Time to be Holy.”
Have congregation stand. Sing all stanzas.

Scripture.—1 Corinthians 13:1-19. Have some one commit to memory this portion of Scripture. Use a high school boy or girl.

Hymn.—“Sweet Hour of Prayer.”
All stanzas. Have congregation stand during the singing. After the hymn ask them to be seated again.

First prayer period.—
1. Ask each one present to pray silently for one minute in behalf of himself, asking for spiritual cleansing and power.
2. Call upon some one to pray aloudly, to voice a prayer to God for those present.
3. Ask each one present to again pray silently for one minute, in behalf of the pastor and local church, that the entire Easter day and services shall result in great spiritual things coming to all hearts.
4. Ask some one to pray audibly for the missionaries and the work and workers they represent on all fields.
5. Sing the stanza as a solo.

Second prayer period.—
1. Ask that some one pray audibly for all that is indicated in number three.
2. Ask each one to pray silently again for one minute in behalf of all our missionaries on all world fields to the end that this entire day shall see many led to Christ and great spiritual things come to all hearts.
3. Ask one commit to memory and recite the Scripture readings.

Hymn.—“More Love, My Christ, to Thee.” Sing all stanzas. Have the congregation stand.

Lord’s Prayer in unison.

Invitation song.—“Just As I Am.”
Announcements.

Hymn.—“Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”
Benediction.—By the leader or Pastor.

Suggestions For the Leader

See that a suitable room, the auditorium or some other, is made comfortable and carefully arranged. So that the janitor understands that the church is to be open for the early service.

Have a pianist or organist promised to play soft music promised to be present and ahead of time. It is desirable to have old hymns played softly about ten minutes before time to begin.

Arrange for the room or auditorium to be decorated with flowers for the prayer service.

Study over the program carefully. Give attention to the details as outlined in the program, such as having the congregation stand during the hymns and wait during the prayer periods.

Have ushers. Ask them to seat no one during the prayer periods.

If desired, have some one or mOJ:e persons whom they desire shall at 7:30 sing the stanza as a solo.

Use a gospel hymn such as “Are You Left Your Room This Morning Did You Think to Pray,” or “The Beautiful Garden of Prayer.”

It will add to the effectiveness of the program if the Scripture readings are memorized and given. Be sure to make the announcements at least one minute in behalf of the pastor and local church, that the entire Easter day and services shall result in great attendance in the services, and without announcement have some one commit the memory passages for silent prayer also.

Do not hurry the program. Take time. Allow a full minute at least for silent prayer on each subject indicated.

PRE-COMMISSION PROGRAM
OF EVANGELISM
National Evangelistic Association
COLUMBUS, OHIO
April 15-16
Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary

Each year the National Evangelistic Association holds its Pre-Convention meeting just preceding the International Convention. This time the program will begin on Sunday night, April 15, at Columbus, in the West Fourth Avenue Christian Church, T. L. Lowe, pastor.

The opening address will be given by Harry G. Knowles of Houston, Texas, President of the Association. He is one of the foremost pastor-evangelists of the Brotherhood.

The Monday sessions will be held at the Central Methodist Church, one block west of the Convention Hall on Broad Street.

The morning session will begin at nine o'clock with Jacob Goldner, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Church, Cleveland, leading the devotions on the theme "The Evangelism of Jesus."

The afternoon session will begin at 1:30, and the evening session at 7:30. As the closing part of the evening's singing the evangelists of the Brotherhood will present a Sacred Concert Program. It will be a high hour.

The present officers of the National Evangelistic Association are:

Harry G. Knowles, President.
Rex Snodgrass, Vice President.
G. I. Hoover, Treasurer.
C. W. Camble, Corresponding Secretary.
Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary.
J. E. Sturgis, Chairman of the Singers and Helpers Department.

To this Pre-Convention meeting all are invited. There are no registration fees. If you are coming to the Columbus International Convention, come in time to hear the evangelistic program to be given on Sunday night and on the Monday preceding the great Convention.

Some of the greatest speakers of our Brotherhood will be heard in addresses that will be timely and helpful.

Reduced Rates to Columbus

The railroads have granted a reduced rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip to the Columbus Convention. To secure such reduced rate one must have an Identification Certificate which may be obtained upon application to the undersigned, accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. One certificate is sufficient for one person and dependent members of his or her family. You cannot get a certificate is sufficient for one person and dependent members of his or her family. You cannot get a...
Religious Education

Prof. P. H. Moss, Editor

THE TEACHING FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH

(Continued from last issue)

Training Through Vacation Church School

Through the Vacation Church School we are able to reach the child from five to fourteen years old, giving sixty hours of intensive training in song, worship, Bible study, handwork, etc. Very few of our churches are putting on the V. C. S. It is not possible for the field workers to put on more than one such school a year. If the local church is interested, it should call the field secretary in to hold a normal class in the local school for the training of the teachers and principal to put on the Vacation Church School following the close of the public school.

Training Through the Organized Adult Class

The adults are the most unused assets of the church. Most adults when they have attended one of the church services on Lord's Day, they feel that they have done God's service. It seems to never enter their mind that they should train themselves to work in any department of the church. I know a church that is of the New Testament Church through its adult class of men. I am pleased to say that the president of this class is an officer of the church and they hold a normal class in the local school for the training of the teachers and principal to put on the Vacation Church School following the close of the public school.

3. Training for activity. It is the main function of the adult department to train adults to carry out the program of the local church and the kingdom of heaven. The adult department should be trained all adults of the church to do those things that the church wants done. This will mean classes in personal evangelism, prayer meeting expressions, stewardship, missionary work and social activities.

The church will never come into her own until her leaders understand their task and purpose. It is training to execute it. Let us remember that the church is the great laboratory for social and religious service.

P. H. M.

"THE ESSENCE OF AN EFFICIENT BIBLE SCHOOL"

The numerous problems of religious education and its various phases are vastly growing as the germ of secular education. Books, magazines and other suggestive hints are constantly being published for the use of the public school teachers; similar publications are now being published for the teachers in the Bible School and other branches of religious education.

The need of standard efficient Bible Schools and teachers is as important as efficient public schools and teachers. The question may be asked: What is an efficient Bible School? Mr. Cope defines an efficient Bible School as follows: "One in which the workers understand its purpose or aim, its conditions and the materials of operation and its method of procedure. Again he says, it is one which succeeds in developing most easily and completely Christian character in its people, both students and workers."

Does your school meet the requirements of an efficient school? If not, let the workers endeavor to make it reach the standard. In order for one to make his school stand out, he must understand its purpose or aim. It is assumed that the purpose or aim of the school is to develop Christian Character in every pupil. The child, then, through careful training and preparation develops for himself a fourfold life from the beginners class to the adult. The classes must be so grouped as to consider the physiological, psychological, sociological and religious characteristics of all pupils.

Let us consider the little child of the Beginners or Primary Class, he is at a period in which he is growing rapidly; he is very active, very sympathetic and indifferent to the joys and sorrows of other people. Then when we come before our little folk let us consider their undeveloped emotions and teach them such stories and such games and show them such pictures as will tend to help them to develop physically, socially, and spiritually. To develop character we will have to begin early in training a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

When you survey the career of the adolescent child, you will find that he grows fast, that he is budding out into a new personality or he is beginning to find himself in a new world. To meet the social and group instincts of these husky boys and girls, various simple organizations should be constructed to satisfy their many desires and begin the direct training of leadership.

The young people of the church are often neglected by the Vacation Schoolers. They are thus led to seek other organizations for social and physical development. Because the time when they have attended one of the Adult depart- should seek to help the young people maintain their places in the Bible School in order to prepare them to assume their duties as Christian citizens in the home and world at large.

With this general idea of Youth, we can strive to make our schools measure up to the standard of an efficient school. But, still, there is another important phase which we must consider and that is the need of trained leaders. Leaders who possess Christian character, patience, perseverance, sympathy and understanding. Ones who have the ability to guide and direct a group of boys and girls in training for service. In order for the leaders to become efficient, they must avail themselves of every possible opportunity for attendance at leadership training schools, community training schools and young people's conferences.

The child who sits daily at the feet of competent teachers in the public schools immediately detects the inefficiency of his Bible School teachers and seeks other church or organizational opportunities. If however, in the rural districts, the workers cannot advantageously attend such leadership training schools, study groups and workers' conferences can be held evenings during the week at the church. Such courses are already prepared and can be easily secured.

When we are reminded of Mr. Cope's definition of an efficient school we note that materials for operations are necessary. The general equipment of a classroom or department is very important, but the use of material for actual manual handwork cannot be over emphasized. The child can best grasp the thought of a story if he is allowed to make or draw with his hand something that would illustrate his thought. Therefore the great challenge of childhood should ever be before the workers of every school regardless of the size of the school, in order to have a school that will tend to develop the child.

Bessie E. Chandler.

S. C. I., Edwards, Mississippi.

AT EVENTIDE IT SHALL BE LIGHT

At eventide it shall be light
When fades the day of toil away.
No shadows deep, no weary night,
At evening time, it shall be light. Immortal love from realms above
Is breathing now the promise bright.
"At evening time, it shall be light."

At eventide, it shall be light.
We gather flowers from rural bowers,
Oh, sacred hope of glory bright!
"At evening time, it shall be light."

At eventide it shall be light.
No cares can harm, no fears alarm.
If he in Christ our life's a crown,
At evening time, it shall be light. That makes the Christian's life so bright,
"At evening time, it shall be light."

At eventide, it shall be light.
The heart will glow, no tears will flow,
In Christ's love it is safe and bright.
"At evening time, it shall be light."

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SEVEN DEADLY SINS
I. Policy Without Principles

The political situation that exists
in this country and in many states is a direct result of a policy
without any principles.

Walton in Oklahoma, Duval in
Indianapolis, Jackson in Indiana,
Smith in Illinois, Thompson in
Chicago, Sinclair and Fall in the
cabinet and all the other cases of
political corruption are due to the
lack of stable principles in the aver-
age political engineers. "The people
have no rights that the politician
is bound to respect" is the modern
version of the infamous Dred Scott
decision of last generation.

If a man were without bone, all
muscle, sinew, blood vessels and
nerves, his progress would be nil,
due to the lack of bones to hold the
whole erect and stable. So the man
whose life and dealings with others
have no principle, has no ability to
take care of the outward appear-
nce. But the essential part is
not the decoration but the support
of the post to the building.

Turn a colt into the pasture and
he will roam in any direction. His
nose and best personal interests lead
him. But harness and bridle him
and he must keep to the row to
plow the field. So principles form
the bit that guides always in the
desirable direction.

Christian principles must be
clothed in personal policies but the
policies that are seen are temporal
but the essential sturdiness that is
not seen always is eternal.

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT YOUTH

IN THE Front Rank, a publication
for the young people of our com-
munity published by the Christian
Board of Publication, there ap-
ppears a page each week called "The
Voice of Youth." It is the residue
of the Youth's Convention held in
Memphis and it offers a medium of
communication for the youth on the
Columbus Convention topics for dis-
cussion.

But it is not alone interested in
the Youth Convention. It allows
for any topic to be published that
is the product of the thinking of
youth. Not very long ago, Miss
Lula Mae Franklin, a student at
the Southern Christian Institute and
one of the attendants of the former
Youth's Convention wrote an article
on "Racial Relations" that was also
published in the Christian Plea.
In the "Front Rank" the picture of the
author was run.

Not many weeks after, a settled,
serious-minded and indignant South
Carolina white woman wrote to
the editor of that page scorning him
for publishing such agitation for
social equality. It was really a clear
case of Southern prejudice and at-
titudes of "Hands-Off" in racial
matters. This was published also.

In a later issue of this page, Mr.
A. T. DeGroot, a young student of
Butler, the editor of the Youth
Convention proceedings and a promi-
inent Y. M. C. A. man of the
campus, wrote an article in reply
to this woman's unjust considera-
tions.

We have in this three attitudes
or rather four expressed in this
matter of race relations.

1. Miss Franklin's is typically one
of pleading for a more Christian
attitude on the part of all in this
social relationship that cannot be
avoided now but must be met.
Recreation of self to meet individual
problems, recreation of society to
better social relations and counting
the cost are her points.

2. The anonymous South Caro-
linian's whose attitude is essentially
one that existed in all the South
directly after the war and is one
characteristic of her time and state.
Servants they were destined to be
and servants I shall help them to
remain is her viewpoint.

3. Mr. DeGroot's is one that is
entirely a student's academic in-
terest in a problem. He answers
the Southern attitude in platitudes
of logical argumentation. Essent-
ially a searcher after truth is his
place in the scheme.

4. The Editor of the Youth's
Page's attitude is that of throw
it open to discussion and perhaps
we can thrash it out.

Now, all these attitudes will be
represented in the Second Youth
Convention that will convene in
Columbus, Ohio, April 19-22, 1928.

What have you to offer on this
subject? Surely Race Relations will
mean much to this next generation
that is fast being made conscious
of the limitations that are his be-
cause of the color of skin.

Your contribution should be pre-
bred by study and to under do this
the discussion groups are being or-
ganized. Put one in your Christian
Endeavor Society. Study from the
Pre-Convention Outline and AT-
TEND the Convention prepared
to take part in the discussion.

"25 of our Youth by 1930.
15 in the Second Convention"—V. G. S.

A COSMOPOLITE

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA for some
months has contained news from
every state in which there is a con-
siderable number of Disciples of
Christ.

These are not unique occurrences
for in a month's time we have cov-
ered the same amount of territory
in the weekly but in different issues.
Our monthly contained a representa-
tive's news letter from every state
and district cooperating with the
National Convention s i n c e we
started it.

The second thing to consider is
the fact that this may remain true
if the subscribers and church re-
porters get behind the movement
to get the state in every issue of the
Christian Plea. The need of a
church paper is not the name alone
but the service of expression in re-
ports and impressions in subscribers
reading the journal. Many sub-
scriptions expire in the spring.
So the real service for you is to get
the Christian Plea into every home.

We can remain cosmopolitan
with your help. Let every pastor appoint
a secretary and reporter and send
the names of the same to the editor.
Then there can be some uniformity
in reporting and an increase in sub-
scriptions. DO IT NOW!
A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

AN APPEAL TO THE NEGROES

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples: If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever would save his life shall lose it: and whoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

No people can be of any influence in any community or state until they have spiritual, intellectual and economical power. And no people who have this power can accomplish anything unless they are minded to use it for the common good and not for self. Those white people who strive to hold their power for the benefit of the white people are not only not progressing but they are retrograding. And those colored people who are seeking for power for the sake of advantage for their people will get nowhere. Not a single man who has called himself a race man and has anything worth from that selfish standpoint has reached any place of power or of usefulness. It can not be done for it is against the eternal laws of right. He who would make himself great must lose sight of himself, his kin and his race and nation, and he must find a real desire to help those whom he can help.

Now with this in mind let us think of some things that will mean much for all the people.

1. The Economical Side

No people can do much until they are economically strong, until they can be a real factor in the economy of the community. That is not now true of either our white people or our colored people. While the white people own most of the land and do most of the business they are wholly dependent on what the colored people do; and while the colored people do most of the work they are wholly dependent on the white people. This would not be bad in itself if both would use the situation to do the very best they could for the other. But as it is, it is economically ruinous.

The big plantations met the need in slavery times and during the reign of the credit system, but they now have come to their end. Any man with the high taxes we now have will break up if he has big tracts of land. These plantations must be broken up into forty, eighty or a hundred and sixty acre farms, and these must be farmed by modern methods of soil restoration and intensive farming. When that is done this land will leap up to two and three hundred dollars an acre and the people will gain power. This transition has begun. We know of thousands of acres that can now be bought and made into good small farms. But unless you have some money laid up to begin with you cannot buy this land. This transition will take place during the next twenty-five years. So if you are not ready, get ready as soon as you can. If you do not do it, other white people will come in and do it. The present white people cannot do it themselves.

2. The Spiritual Side

There must be a real spiritual growth before we can do much. The first step is as we have shown above to become unselfish in purpose. But out of this will grow great things for the happiness of the people. The church life must be built up and a school system must be created that will reach all the children. Of course the white people must help to do this, but our colored people need not think about that greatly. If they will do all that they alone can do the rest will easily follow. The destiny of the Negro is now largely in his own hands. If he does everything he should do the right things will follow. Next year, or some time in the next twenty-five years the two old political parties will break up and there will be a realignment along conservative and radical lines. My most earnest prayer is that the Negro may make great gains economically and spiritually before that day comes, for then he is sure to be called in as arbiter.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

REPORTER—UNKNOWN

On Feb. 6th The Bible School and services were good all day at Clark St. Christian Church even though the weather was inclement.

The lesson chapter was John 11:1-13. And the subject "Walk, Light and Darkness." Eld. Johnson spoke of the Christian after leaving darkness, walking in the light, being filled with the spirit. He made all present feel like the apostles did on the day of Pentecost.

The offering for this morning was $31.35 including the $26.00 receipts from the Leap Year Party for benefit of the pastor's salary.

The month of February was excellent for the church and Bible School both in attendance and financially. The Bible School Rally for the month was interesting for the children. Class number 5 raised the largest amount of money. Mrs. M. L. Veals is teacher. Class number 1 led in attendance—Mrs. L. A. Whyte, teacher. Class number 4, Mr. Wendell P. Fudgen, teacher won the banner on Feb. 26th for leading in the offering for the day—$1.15 for that class. The two classes to be entertained are Classes number 1 and number 3.

We were glad to have our field worker among the W. M. S., Mrs. Rose B. Grubb of St. Louis, with us last week.

LEXINGTON, KY., SECOND ST.

REPORTER—MISS ODIE BELLE LEWIS

We are working hard on our Annex Rally. The church is divided into two clubs, the men, headed by Mr. Gatewood, and the women, by Mrs. Luella Harris. These women are leading in the giving of entertainments. They have put on a pew rally and an oratorical contest in which two prizes were awarded. The rally will be in May.

V. G. Smith visited the church on Sunday, Feb. 19th, and spoke at the Bible School morning service and Christian Endeavor Class. He was in interest of the Christian Plea. He also delivered the evening message on "The Abundant Life."

The congregation was highly entertained with a moving picture of the Passion Play. The following reels were shown: "The Story of the Christ," "Joe and His Brethren," and "Jonah and the Whale." The first two were very interesting and educational, outlining many beautiful scenes of the Holy Land. The last was a comedy. The entertainment was in charge of Prof. Crawford under the auspices of the Bible School.

MADISON, MO.

REPORTER—MRS. E. K. BURTON

Sunday, Feb. 12th was a great day in the Madison Christian Church. The day started with an inspiring sermon by the pastor, Eld. E. K. Burton from Matt. 18:1 on the subject, "Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of God?"

And the day closed with an excellent program by the Christian Endeavor starting at 7:30 with the Christian Endeavor Day play, "Crusade with Christ!" being rendered. This service was enjoyed by all who were present. The offering for the day was $17.20.

The church is getting along nicely and presents and hopes soon to liquidate the debt and burn the mortgage on the church.
SUNRISE SERVICE FOR EASTER

A CALL comes to the Missionary women of all of our churches to lead in the observance of the Easter Week of Prayer. An appropriate service for this observance will be the Sunrise Meeting at the church, an early retreat on Easter morning at which time an hour will be spent with the Master, and to which we shall bring our gifts for the furtherance of His cause upon the earth.

The Missionary women should seek to lead the whole church to make a sacrificial gift for Missions on this day. What time could be more fitting for the call to sacrifice than this time at which we commemorate Christ's great gift to the world?

Be definite in your aim and let the appeal which will suggest and call for sacrifice be:

Every Woman's Missionary Society should observe the day, and every church in which there is a woman who believes in Missions should count it a real privilege to enter into this joyous fellowship.

A Glimpse Into Some of the Churches of Texas

W. M. Tucker is pastor of the Thomas Ave. Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. Under his efficient leadership the church is going forward. They are meeting the financial obligation of their splendid new church building in a fine way. They are also giving splendid support to the state and national programs. Prof. T. W. Pratt, principal of one of the city schools there and president of the National Convention of Religious Education Department of Disciples of Christ, is a zealous superintendent of the Bible School; and Mrs. G. W. Taylor, pastor, is the president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Speaking of their apportionment for World Missions, Mrs. Taylor said, "Our apportionment is not enough, we are going 'On the Top.'" Mrs. Taylor is also interested in the Junior Missionary Society of the church. They have arranged one meeting towards the end of effecting an organization with the young people.

Mr. Minule Davis, who holds membership with the church at Taylor, Texas, who is active in its every department while there, is also pastor of the church at Holtsland, Texas capable wife is the woman of vision and we believe we can expect great things of her in the work of the ministry. She is leading her congregation in an effort to build a new church building.

Dr. W. S. Cleaver, a prominent physician of Dallas, Texas, is pastor of the Central Church there. The new location recently purchased by this group is a very splendid one and offers a fine opportunity for extending the Church of Christ in that city. The leaders and workers of this church are thoroughly capable of putting over a worth-while program. The Woman's Society under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Wallick is alive and plans to raise their apportionment for missions even though they are beginning late.

The church at Palestine, Texas, is also without a minister. Some fine people are there of the type who can be depended on to hold high the blood-bought banner. The Woman's Missionary Society there has been inactive but has started anew and can be depended on to do an effective work.

The church at Paris, Texas, has no pastor, but it is very much alive and enthusiastically working in its new church with the Evangelist H. G. Smith supplying there. The Bible School, the home, the Young Women's Missionary Society and the Triangle club are all doing very effective work.

The church at Greenville, Texas, is in need of a minister. No church can long succeed without a shepherd to guide them. Even so, there are those, continuing their work—the Bible school, the Woman's Missionary Society, and Christian Endeavor. The latter mentioned is especially alive. Mrs. M. A. Wicks, a great mother in our Zion, is not only the president of the Missionary Society, but active in every department of the church.

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Eld. H. H. Johnson is still pastor of the church at Greenville, Texas. Fine pastor, fine church and together they are putting on a real program and doing a fine service for the church and the community, and may I add the church at the Bible school, the Christian Endeavor and the Woman's Missionary Society are actively at work. The Woman's Society, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Thompson, is earnestly striving to raise its apportionment of $60.00 for World Missions this year. In the Greenville church there are some titheers and the church is interested in the study of Christian stewardship on the basis of tithing.

The church at Beaumont has an adequate, modern church home and a fine membership, but no minister to guide and direct. However the Missionary Society, which has been under the direction of Mrs. Smith, has again resumed responsibility to the end of the mission program. They plan to raise their apportionment for missions even though they are beginning late.

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Unto Him, how can we act otherwise?

Our Financial Aim

The aim set by the National Convention for the church and all its departments is $16,000—not as much as was required to support one of our schools last year to say nothing of the other schools or other work.

We have raised slightly more each year since we have been using the apportionment, but we have ever failed to reach our aim. It is clear that our failure each year has retarded the work in many respects. It has blasted our hopes and made void our contention. It has financially embarrassed the Joint Executive Committee in carrying out the work. It has and is unfavorably reflecting on us as a brotherhood. It places a question mark on our actions in Convention and promises in Conferences. At this writing it is causing a deficit in the spending budget and a retrenchment in the work. Do we desire and are we satisfied with this condition? What is the cause? In our thinking the cause is plain. We should take our feet off the brake and faithfully try to reach our aim this year.

IN QUEST OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE OF COOPERATION

BY PRESTON TAYLOR

WE LEFT home Sunday night, Jan. 8, at midnight for Greenville, N. C. We were continuously on the train until we had covered nearly a thousand miles but the results of the meeting more than paid for any expense or any inconvenience that we were put to.

We met a group of loyal and devout Christian men. The two chiefs with their counsellors were in a meeting long to be remembered. They received me with open arms and accorded me the time sufficient to deliver a message to them that brought about the unanimous action to recommend a consolidation of their forces with the forces of the National Convention and the brotherhood at large.

This recommendation will be handed down to all the district assemblies as well as the state meetings. The State Meeting at Kinston, N. C., last fall was ready and willing to give its fullest consent for a union with all the Disciples of the brotherhood but in order to get the head officials, we waited until the meeting in January.

The motion was made and carried with the great enthusiasm and they elected their chief men as delegates to represent them in the National Convention in August, at Chicago. The rank and file of these Disciples are already making great preparation to come in multitudes to the Winston-Salem National Convention in 1929.

Eld. R. L. Peters, by appointment, came by the way of Winston-Salem, N. C., where met the representatives of the Tri-State and Piedmont conventions, and their presidents and the ministers in and around Winston-Salem. After hearing our plea for dissolution of their two conventions and the calling of the brotherhood into one convention, they most heartily agreed to recommend that a convention be held at Piedmont Christian Institute at such time as might be agree upon when they would lay down all differences and be represented by one strong enthusiastic convention. Eld. R. L. Peters was not in the city at this time but I have a letter from him endorsing the action and for the sake of peace and harmony, he fully gave his consent to the action of the Winston-Salem meeting. No one could be louder in their praise through the communication that I have had with him that Prot. J. B. Thomas of the Piedmont School.

Things are looking brighter and more encouraging in the Carolinas than ever before in the history of the brotherhood. We should appreciate these agencies and look well into our own ranks that peace and harmony may prevail throughout the brotherhood.

DAYTON, OHIO

REPORTER—B. H. JOHNSON

Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C., has just finished a two weeks’ meeting for us here with an abundance of success. He says that Eld. Peters is a great preacher. His slogan on coming here was “Ye shall know the truth,” and Dayton has heard it as never before.

There were seventeen additions, nine for baptism, and realized three hundred thirty-seven dollars and forty-eight cents ($337.48) for the efforts of the local committees.

We staged our fourth anniversary program Feb. 8-12, inclusive.
THE Twelfth St. Christian Church is in the highest pitch of enthusiasm for the $1,000 Rally that closes March 11, 1928. We have ten small clubs at work, each of which is to raise $100. Every member of every club is as busy as a bee putting on musical programs, recitals and Sunday afternoon services.

Eld. Shief, one of the best singers of the city, brought his choir and preached and sang at our church for the benefit of Mrs. Mary Nickens Club.

Another great service was one put on by Eld. Cleaves and his people of the C. M. E. Church for the benefit of Mrs. Bertie Hughes Club. Eld. Cleaves is a wonderful preacher.

Mrs. M. W. Magowan's Club is also making great progress. The Missionary Society is taking part on the program. Aside from part on the program. Aside from the work of its own members the society expressed a desire to return and hear him again. The finances of the evening went to Mrs. H. D. Griffin's Club.

The Amphion Glee Club, which is well known all over the country, rendered one of their musicals for the benefit of the S. C. E. Club, president, Mrs. Fannie L. Baker.

The church was graced with the presence of Miss Rising (white) one of the teachers of Hampton Institute, who delivered a lecture. She was accompanied by a number of white friends from the churches. She also came in behalf of Mrs. Griffin's Club.

The Missionary Society is taking on new life. The president, Mrs. H. D. Griffin, is putting forth every effort to increase the membership. February was a very busy month with Mrs. Shief, with other members of the society, visited four of the white churches of the city and took part on the program. Aside from the report of our work, some spirituals were sung. Our February meeting was one of the best with quite a number of white sisters present who appeared on the program. This was indeed a great meeting with four new members added and $6.00 raised.

Pray for our success.

WASHINGTON, D. C.
REPORTER—MISS ETHEL TAYLOR

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.
Pastor—Eld. Z. H. Howard
Reporter—O. M. Howard

The Second Christian Church of Muskogee is still moving upward. On the last Sunday in January there were two young ladies to make the good confession and on the following Monday night they were baptized at which service another young lady connected herself with the church by confession.

Feb. 5 was a full day. The Bible School, which opened at 9:45, was well attended. The morning services were inspiring. The subject of the message was "Light!"—John 1:4-5. At 2:30 we gathered at the church to pay our last respects to the mortal remains of one of our members who died in St. Louis, Jan. 31, Viola Smith. There were about five hundred present at the services. The program was beautifully carried out with the eulogy by the pastor. Viola was fifteen years of age and until her illness was active in all of the organizations of the church.

The Christian Endeavor is doing fine with Mr. E. M. Barrett as advisor. Christian Endeavor Day was observed with the main address being delivered by Captain McVey, who has been around the world and is half around on his second trip. He is an ace and noted for his daring feats during the World War, being the only colored soldier to obtain the American emblem. His lecture was quite interesting.

Woman's Day was observed and the pageant "Perfect Love" was presented to a crowded house.

Mrs. Howard, the wife of the pastor, who underwent an operation in 1926, is still under the care of a physician.

The spirit of the church is fine.

REPORT OF THE JACKSON DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING
REPORTER—BESSIE E. CHANDLER, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The Jackson District Quarterly Meeting was held at the North Jackson Christian Church, February 17, 18, 19. The sessions were all interesting and well attended, with delegates from all the churches in the district. The churches are all planning to launch a pre-Easter campaign. They are also making plans for the sending of a delegate to the Young People's Conference to be held at the Southern Christian Institute in the spring. The program and report are as follows:

No. of Churches Representing—5
Amount of money raised $34.42
Expenditures 16.03
Balance on State work 17.39

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION
Elliott's Chapel, Wabbaseka, Ark.
Eld. E. L. Turner, Pastor

The first day was given to the Bible School work. The work done by the Bible School evangelist, Eld. G. B. Hervey, was very encouraging.

We were greatly helped in the rendition of the program throughout all departments by the timely thoughts of Prof. P. H. Moss, National Field Secretary of Religious Education and V. G. Smith, Young People's Secretary.

The Bible School department retained the services of Eld. G. B. Hervey as general superintendent for the state for 1928. For the care and maintenance of that work each member thereof is asked to contribute 10c per month, the same to be collected by the officers of the local schools and forwarded to the Bible School treasurer monthly, subjected to drafts by Mr. Hervey.

We are looking forward to an improvement in the work for the current year.

On the third day the church department began its sessions.

The report of the Evangelist was not very encouraging since a shortage in state finances handicapped his travels among the churches of the state. The larger part of his time was given to the local congregation at Little Rock which work was gratifyingly successful.

The convention as a whole was made very inspirational from the lectures and promises made for future work.

A contribution of 25c per member quarterly was requested and approved by the Convention to take care of the work in a financial way; said sum to be collected at the local church and reported to the District Meetings which are held quarterly and handled by the district superintendents. Eld. E. L. Turner was made superintendent of District No. 2 and Eld. G. B. Hervey, superintendent of District No. 1.

Our next convention will meet in Little Rock in August.

State Board
Eld. W. M. Martin, Chairman.
M. Gantrell, Treasurer.
Otis Holden, Secretary.
E. L. Brock.
Henry Martin.
E. L. Turner, Chairman Convention.
W. T. York.
M. Bostick, Evangelist.

Sessional Officers
Eld. E. L. Turner, Chairman.
Mary E. Moore, Secretary.

Number of schools representing: 8
Aggregate membership: 200
Taylor E. Cole, Chairman.
Mary E. Moore, Secretary.

Arkansas District Meeting

Our District Meeting will convene with the Pearidge Christian Church on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March. We hope to have a great meeting. Several interesting topics will be discussed among which are the following:

Is the Church of Christ a sect or a unit?
Is the New Testament the Christian rule of faith and practice or should we go by something else?

Does a man have to be baptized or can he get to heaven without it?

Arkansas District Evangelist
C. J. James, District Evangelist

The writer was elected as pastor of the Johnson Chapel Christian Church in March 1927 and as District Evangelist in May, 1927. Since that time he has made wonderful progress. The congregations are very much inspired and up-to-the-hour Christians. They are very much interested in the work.

During this time the writer has been elected pastor of the Palo Alto Christian Church in Feb. 1928 and is also serving the town church at West Point, a mission point of the state.

A report of some of the work done in this time includes the following: Jan. 22, 1928 conducted the funeral services of the daughter of Mr. L. R. Petty and the obsequies of Mrs. Sarah Belle Calvert, wife of Mr. Jesse Calvert. The deceased was nineteen years of age and left a husband, a father, mother, child, sister and five brothers. She was a faithful member of the church.

Organization of three W. M. S. among the congregation of the West Point District with officers as follows:

Johnson Chapel Officers
President—Mrs. Annie Jefferson.
Secretary—Mrs. Mattie Petty.
Treasurer—Mrs. Estella Try.

West Point Officers
President—Mrs. Lily Red.
Secretary—Mrs. Lessey Scott.
Treasurer—Mrs. Maude Calvert.

Palo Alto Officers
President—Mrs. Johanna Try.
Secretary—Mrs. Melissa Calvert.
Treasurer—Mrs. Minnie Quhn.

West Point District Officers
President—Mrs. Hattie Petty.
Secretary—Mrs. Estella Try.
Treasurer—Mrs. Alice Tomkins.
Key Woman—Mrs. Lena Brown.

These workers of the West Point District are looking forward to a great District Meeting Feb. 24-26 to be held with the Johnson Chapel congregation as host. There are also other congregations expected to join in this answer to the world's call in the near future.

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LOUISVILLE THIRD

Pastor—Eld. F. T. Floyd
Clerk—A. D. Cooper
Reporter—L. Hairesten

Our beloved pastor, since coming to us, has acquitted himself admirably in the pulpit and has proven his caliber as a Gospel Messenger. Also he has shown his genius for organization. The church is prospering and has been on a steady increase.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Floyd, has won the heart of all with whom she has come in contact. As a worker she has wrought well at the piano and has shown good judgment in the selection of the music for the different services. In a musicale, Mrs. Floyd raised a sum of money that was spent in getting hymnals for the church.

The working of the church is systematized by the pastor into the following clubs with their leaders:

Star of Bethlehem—G. H. Brayboy.
Rose of Sharon—Olifie McKeel.
Silver Leaf—B. Kelly.
Key Woman—H. S. Bonner.

The sewing circle will report in the near future of their planned activities as they are now probably taking a nap. But we are looking forward to an opening of the eyes of the needles in astonishment when they do wake up.

The Ladies' Aid under Mrs. Laura McDonnell, their progressive president, is in the foreground at all times. No task is too large for them to tackle.

The children of the church have organized into clubs, boys and girls separate. The Young People's Circle is well organized and doing good work.

The Bible School, Mr. I. Hairesten, Supt., is prospering with a growing attendance. We have instituted an honor roll, merits on memory and class reviews and have a Christmas Savings account.

Master Thomas Henderson is Bible School soloist and Junior Choir director. Mrs. Lena Matthews, Bible School soloist, was awarded memory merits for 1927 while Mrs. Alberta Caloway was warded first honors for attendance, having a perfect record for 1927.

Mrs. Will Hiatt, the mother of our church, is very ill at her residence, 735 South 19th St., and is unable to be out. The pastor and elders administer the communion each Sunday for her.

Eld. Floyd's presence has been felt here in Louisville and he has proved a valuable asset to all. He has been invited with his choir, to serve many other congregations on special occasions. He is rendering service to all and praises are ours.
Our report for the year shows an addition in membership of twenty-five. The services are being well attended and a real co-operative spirit prevails among the membership.

Austin St. Clair, one of the most faithful members, passed away last year.

The missionary society is going forward under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Julia Gamby.

Our church is divided into four clubs for a rally the last Sunday in March. Mrs. Carrie Dabney, Martha Belehrer, and Vivian Brendle are leading the women and Elder B. Gamby has charge of the men.

Our pastor addressed the Missionary Societies of Highland Church.

Mr. R. D. Wells is the new president of our Christian Endeavor Society.

The official Board under the leadership of B. Gamby, is hard at work. In the last election, Abraham Smith was re-elected, and Elder Paul Scott and Daniel Moore ordained deacons and James Puryear elected a deacon.

Atty. W. D. Boger still leads our Bible School. W. O. Jackson was re-elected treasurer and W. E. Shrimpton is chairman of the Finance Committee.

Our choir is improving under the training of Eld. Grinage and a group of our girls sang at the Boulevard Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moore. Mrs. Joanna Allen, Clara Blair, Alice Moore and Paul Watkins are all off of the sick list but Mrs. M. McColl remains ill.

A very interesting class is enjoying the study of the Teacher Training Course.

Oak Grove No. 2, Scotts, Ark.

REPORTER—MRS. MAHALA HOLDEN MOORE

On Friday, Feb. 17 our church held a business meeting to make plans to finish raising the money necessary to lay the foundation for our church building. After a short discussion, the plan of family pledges was adopted and on that evening pledges to the amount of $180 were subscribed. A number of the members were absent and we hope to see them again and they will make their pledges in the near future.

We have raised our sum of $2.50 for the special Christian Plea Fund.

We have the Birthday Banquet at work in our Bible School.

And the Missionary Society has already sent in one quarterly report this year.

This is our motto for 1928:

"Without halting, without rest
Pushing better up to best."

Nicholasville, Ky.

REPORTER—MRS. A. M. TAYLOR

The pre-installation week's meeting began on Jan. 23, 1928 of Eld. T. R. Everett as pastor of the Maple Ave., Christian Church. The program ended on Jan. 29. It was as follows:

Monday night—Eld. C. H. Dickerson and choir rendered the program.

Tuesday night—Eld. Judson King of First Congregational Church, Lexington, preached.

Wednesday night—Eld. A. Martin of Quina Chapel, Lexington, preached.

Thursday night—Eld. Frank M. Reid of St. Paul, A. M. E. Church, Lexington, preached.

Friday night—Eld. G. E. Letten, choir and orchestra of Georgetown, rendered the program.

We enjoyed having all of these visitors with us for the week's services. We had a large audience at each night and everyone seemed to enjoy the program.

Our church is doing fine under the leadership of our pastor, Eld. Everett and his good wife. The latter is now ill but we are praying a speedy recovery for her.

Our sister churches are working with us splendidly. We could not have a better preacher with us than Eld. Everett, a straightforward, clean Gospel preacher and that is what we need today.

Our special program of Sunday afternoon was a good one and a large audience attended. Every member responded and the offering for the week's program was $40.16.

You shall hear from us again soon for we are going to do a greater work in the future than has ever been done in Nicholasville. Pray for our success.

Palestine, Texas

REPORTER—ELD. T. J. GREEN

This comes to say that on Feb. 5th at the Antioch Christian Church near Midway, Texas, we took into fellowship one, Eld. Prewitt, a minister of the Baptist Church.

Mayslick, Ky.

REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

We are still on the battlefield fighting for the Master.

On the first Sunday in February, Eld. C. H. Johnson, our state evangelist, was with us preaching the gospel in his inimitable style. He certainly "stays on the gas" and every time he is better than before.

His subject was "Church-goers," and his points were so plainly brought that a man with no eyes could see them.

Mayfield is pushing to the front.

The Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of Louisiville, Ky., contributed $84,000 for a Presbyterian Colored Mission for that city. The Negroes contributed $5,000 of this.

FROM THE GREAT LAKES

REPORTER—ELD. R. W. WATSON

Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday, Feb. 5th, our pastor, Eld. Dorsey, preached a very impressive sermon on "The Ordinances of the Church"—Rom. 6:5. Baptism was the essential point stressed. After the sermon, two were added to the church by statement. At the eleven o'clock hour, three deacons were ordained—Messrs. R. Martin, C. B. Foster, and Irvine Robertson. Lewis Bingham was baptized at the close of the service. Our own Prof. P. H. Moss was with us all day.

He was in the city as one of the faculty of the South-side Religious Leadership Training School. Prof. Moss left a great impression on the Bible School workers of other faiths.

In the evening, our state evangelist, Eld. R. E. Pearson, was with us.

On Feb. 12 another great service was held at the church. The pastor preached a sermon from Num. 13:33 and we had with us V. G. Smith who spoke in interest of the Christian Plea and three were added to the church, one for baptism.

Feb. 19th our pastor preached from Luke 19:11 with the following main points: The disciples thought that the Kingdom of God should immediately appear; we should use the talents given us. This sermon was full of thoughtful suggestions and at the close two were added by statement.

In the evening a native African spoke to the congregation. He is in the city attending University of Chicago.

FROM CHICAGO, ILL.

REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYREE,

OAKWOOD BLVD.

W. M. S. Convention of District No. 6, Kentucky

Which met at Little Rock, Ky.

January 14, 1928

Morning Session

10:00 Devotionals — Little Rock

10:30 Greeting and appointment of Committees.

11:00 Round Table Discussion—"How Can we Promote Our Young People of Our State, Spiritually? What can our Local Societies Do? What Can I Do?" —Conducted by Mrs. B. B. Hutsell,

11:45 Music, Offering, Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

1:00 Devotionals — Winchester

2:00 Welcome Address—Little Rock

2:15 Response—Aaron's Banquet

2:30 Remarks—Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, General Secretary of State, Mrs. S. M. Brown, State President.

2:50 Children's Half Hour—Conducted by Mrs. B. B. Hutsell.

The president then asked all to stand with bowed heads while Mrs. Hutsell offered prayer for Mrs. Fannie Young and Mrs. E. Taylor in their recent bereavement.

4:15 Memory Work—Romans 12

5:00 Music, Offering, Adjournment.

Mrs. F. D. Rucker, President

Mrs. E. N. Brent, Secretary

PROGRAM

of

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE
Tri-State Christian Convention
are still making progress. The
Executive Committee has recently
employed Eld. G. M. Dickerson of
N. Tazewell, Va., as state evangelist,
who will give half of his time for
field work and the other half for
the church at which he has been
pursuing for a number of years at N.
Tazewell.

We have been receiving a number
of copies of the Christian Plea
which we have distributed and find that it
takes well with our people and is being
highly boosted as a splendid reli-
gious journal.

Feb. 26 has been set apart to raise
$10.00 as the church's donation to
the Christian Plea Fund.

The pastor, Eld. R. L. Peters has
just returned from Dayton, Ohio,
where he assisted Eld. H. G. Bundy,
pastor of the Norwood Ave. Christian
Church in a two weeks' meeting. He
reports the meeting at the Norwood
Church a success along all lines.

We began on Jan. 10 closing on Jan. 22.
The attendance was fine, with a full house
every day and an occasional service
with an overflow. Eld. Bundy is a fine
young man and is doing a great work in
Dayton and he is highly spoken of by all
of the people. There were seventeen ac-
cessions to the church during the meeting
and one to the home of Eld. Bundy, a fine
girl-child weighing ten pounds. The fi-
nancial results were around $350.00.

While in Dayton, we visited several
points of interest, namely Wright Brothers
Air-Port and saw all grades and types of
aeroplanes from the first to the latest mod-
el. The Cash Register Plant and Paul
Lawrence-Dunbar's Home, whose mother
yet lives, but is old and feeble. She came
out one night during the meeting in a
closed car and heard us preach from the
subject "The First Gentle Convent." She
said it was the best sermon she had heard
in thirty years. The members and officers
of the Dayton church are a plucky set and
all they need is a more adequate church
building.—R. L. Peters, Evangelist.

Eld. A. J. Washington, pastor of the
Ninth St. Christian Church,
preached a powerful sermon at Spen-
cer Memorial Church on Jan. 29. His
choir and congregation accompanied him.

Columbus Convention
ARRANGEMENTS have been
made under which applications for
private homes can be obtained by addressing Mr. Chas.
H. Bush, 584 E. Broad Street, Co-
umbus, Ohio, giving date you ex-
pect to commence occupancy of
room.

Convention delegates are urged to
write immediately for reservation.
It is not too early.

KENTUCKY VIA EVANGELIST
ELD. C. H. JOHNSON, EVANGELIST

We worshipped with the mission at Paducah, Friday and Saturday
nights and on Sunday, two came for-
ward and made the good confession
and were baptized, Sunday after-
noon. Mrs. Lucy Jones is working
hard to make the mission be what it
should. We hope to go back to them
in May and hold a district meeting.

Danville is in need of a man; some
young man could make good in Dan-
ville as there is no better church of-
cess in the state than those at this
church. It is a great field to work in.
The choir is up to standard as
are the rest of the auxiliaries. Write
to Mr. George Fish, 521 Russell St.,
Danville, Ky.

CHURCH-GOING

It is a serious thing to stay away from
the services of the church. Christians, do
you realize the seriousness of this? This
church is the power-house of the Christian
religion. Paul said that the church is the
fulness of Him that filleth all in all. A
filled church is more powerful of the
preacher while empty pews take the heart
out of him.

Which are you doing? Are you adding
power each Sunday morning? Or are you
holding back the work of the church by
your absence? If a man spent no time
at home he would be loyal to his fam-
ily. When you stay away, can God say
to you, "Tell done?" if you have not done
well? Don't cut corners. Deal fair with
your brothers and sisters in the church.
The character and influence of a church
is determined by the number and charac-
ter of the persons who attend its services.
If all the members were just like you what
would the church be?

Go to church! No one can take your
place. It is always empty when you are
not there.

SIDELIGHTS FROM KENYON
AVENUE CHURCH
REPORTER—MRS. V. H. LAWS, CIN-
CINNATI, OHIO

Our Christian Endeavor Society is
doing nicely. Our young people are
becoming more interested in the work.
They appreciate the admonition "We
learn to do by doing," and they are
putting it into practice.

We observed a Martha Washing-
ton party and one of our promising
young men (Mr. George Stoffer) won the
prize for imitating the spirit of
that day.

Miss Woody Barnett, one of our
promising young ladies won two
prizes. One prize was for the most
charming dress made of paper, and the
other was for the most money
collected.

DR. E. H. BROOKES, of the Uni-
versity of South Africa, while
on a visit to this country, spoke in
flattering terms of the advance made in
education, economics, industry and
political influence of the Negroes in
America.

WHICH?

IN SOME non-Christian lands, it is
customary to put to death the
aged and infants. In Christian
lands, the regular practice is to put
to death the flower of young man-
hood through organized butchery
called war.

Which is more destructive to civil-
ization?

In Africa and Asia, the vaunted
western nations restore peace to
warring tribes and set the man power of
the country to the constructive
tasks of gathering rubber, copra,
diamonds and mineral resources.
While in the Western world, these
same nations war in deadly strife
for the human units,—for the fin-
ished products of the heathen's labor
and for preferred markets among
the less advanced peoples.

Which is more justifiable?

In the jungle, personal, family
and tribal wrongs are avenged in
combat. In the League of Nations,
diplomatic insults are avenged by
those who know nothing and care
less about those slights. The former
drives the black sheep of the instiga-	or, while the latter allows those most
responsible to escape any danger.

Which is the more honorable?

To pagan nations war is a clarion
call to evangelization or protection
from an insurgent force to the re-
ligious life. In modern times, war
is a distinct infraction of all or 
egalized religious doctrines. Police
handle any belligerency among in-
dividuals but the nations are per-
mitted to teach and practice that
which all religion, all education, all
civic example, all national law is
made to destroy in the individual.
A war for the protection of that
God-given right of democracy is
fought with the greatest carnage of
all history.

Which is more Christian?

These and many other questions
will be the gist of the discussion at
the Youth's Convention in Colum-
bus, Ohio, in April. Only those
with special preparation will be al-
lowed to take part so let the Negro
Disciple youth prepare to be there
and contribute to this subject.

Sherman said, "War is Hell!"

Why? The YOUTH CONVENTION
will KNOW. WILL YOU?—W. G. S.

THE objectives of the Chatta-
nooga, Tenn., Interracial Com-
mission form a good example of what
these cooperative organizations are
doing throughout the country to bet-
ter race relations. They read as fol-
lovs: "Better living conditions, in-
cluding streets and housing; closer
and more sympathetic working con-
tacts between the races and an ag-
gressed campaign of the belief of law
observance and good citizenship."
The Opening of God's Books

By B. C. Calvert, Evangelist of Mississippi

As authority for the subject we have the authority which we call your attention to the twentieth chapter of Revel and the twelfth verse: "And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works." 

The next is the Book of Deeds. On the Divine Ledger is recorded the deeds of all men, whether they be good or bad. "And the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works." Rev. 20: 12. Deeds are thoughts put into action. Therefore if we would have pure deeds we must have pure thoughts. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The sentiment of the world is wrong and must be changed before conditions will be bettered.

The third is a book of tears. "Then rememberest my wanderings: Put Thou my tears in Thy bottle: Are they not in Thy book?" Psalm 56: 8. Every tear is preserved for judgment purpose. All men must know that when they come to stand before the bar of God every tear they caused to fall upon earth by their wrong doings, their injustice and inhumanity, will be exhibited. The mob proceedings have caused many tears to be shed, and many hearts to ache and bleed. There seems to be no help for it now, but the mob supporters will be helpless creatures before the throne of God. If you must bow then, why not be submissive now and let the law have the right of way. Lynching and mob violence should cease. Justice must be meted out to all men.

The fourth is the Book of Warnings. Jesus came into the world to show the things that would come to pass and brought motives that would influence men to do right. He made the way so plain no one need to err. "If this be not well, do not do according to the will of God." Gen. 4: 7. Can't you see the soil is not yielding today what it used to?

I have traveled North and South, East and West, but I have found no place I like better than Mississippi. But I do want to see conditions better here. No intelligent Negro wants social equality, but we do want equal justice. I am absolutely satisfied with my race, but want an equal chance with white men. The only way to make democracy safe for the individual, races, and nations, is to apply the Golden Rule. "This is the book of life, and that is strict observance to the law. Whosoever shall not observe them is guilty." "But the book of life, and that is strict obedience to the will of God. God says love your neighbor as yourself. What are you going to do about it?

PROGRAM

Jackson District Quarterly Meeting Held At The NORTH JACKSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

February 17-19, 1928

House called to order.—President, O. L. J. Dever.

Devotional remarks.—H. W. S. Brown.

Selections.—Miss Florence Brown, Miss Lucille Brumfield, Miss Lula Brumfield, Miss Adelberta S. Adams, Miss Minnie Smith.

Welcome on behalf of the Citizens.—Mrs. W. M. Guice.

Welcome on behalf of the Church.—Rev. T. E. Everett.

Welcome on behalf of Misses.—Mrs. W. M. Guice.

Welcome on behalf of the Teachers.—Rev. T. E. Everett.

Welcome on behalf of the People.—Rev. T. E. Everett.

Welcome on behalf of the Ministers.—Rev. T. E. Everett.

Welcome on behalf of the Students.—Rev. T. E. Everett.

Adjournment.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
The Young Widow

The preacher-husband went to his rest in the prime of life, leaving her with little provision for her needs. She was a trained nurse, her father was a retired minister. The baby never saw his father. A trained nurse, her father was a retired, minister. The baby never saw his father. A trained nurse, her father was a retired, minister. The baby never saw his father. A trained nurse, her father was a retired, minister. The baby never saw his father.

The Easter Call

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The ministry is dear to the heart of all who love the church. This is especially true from the corner of the great souls who have given a whole life of devoted and faithful service to the church.

There are four hundred such homes who are cheered and sustained by what we do in the church. Last year there were refused $105,000 sent them in recognition of their service in the ministry.

Here are some of them, typical of the many who make up the full roll of four hundred homes.

The Widows in Their Prime

He was away only one day at the height of his power. His name was familiar on Convention programs, in college classrooms and in the best pulpits. As a young child with a partial provision, was her lot. She heroically took up the burden and with her former profession carried the load till she dropped. The love of the church intervened and now with this help, she is making her way back to health again.

Proud as an African Chief

He served the Negro churches for more than half a century, with a glory in his heart which would rivet the man's horrified gaze. It was those frail hands thatrivet the man's horrified gaze. It was those frail hands that rivet the man's horrified gaze. It was those frail hands that rivet the man's horrified gaze.

Love For the Children of the Ministry

After the father and mother both passed to their reward, they became the children of the church. One of the best business men became their guardian. Their lives are enriched by the love and blessing of a whole brotherhood. What church could fail them if she knew their parents had given their lives to the ministry?

Each Face Telling Its Own Tale

Two faces were close together, the man's grim, tense; the other face was small and with slender hands clasped tightly against it. It was those frail hands that riveted the man's horrified gaze. The baby never saw his father. And goin' way from here just like yourself. Grandma, you know Kate never do.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

The W. M. S. with the aid of the church put on the service for Women’s Day on Feb. 4, and over $17,000 was raised for the national apportionment.

Mrs. Sylvia Harris, whose illness was reported last year, was able to be in her accustomed place March 4. Mrs. Harris is one of the oldest members of the church yet with one of the most faithful when taken ill.

The Christian Endeavor had its special day and program in April, giving at that time the “Orphans with Christ.” Mr. Henry H. Horner, Executive Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was the main speaker of the morning.

The Brotherhood is fast growing into a reputable study hour with the two classes under the pastor and Prof. Hutchinson, a teacher at Summer High School.

Miss Margaret Green, the daughter of the pastor, accompanied by her mother, made a trip to Tennessee where she stayed to regain her health which was inspired by her surrounding upon her school work. Mrs. Green has returned with glowing reports of Miss Green's improvement. The latter returned March 15.

Two young men were baptized at Centennial, Sunday, March 4.

The Bible school is planning to put on a special program on Easter Sunday. Each Sunday in the spring by the pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign, the invitation is extended in the Bible school.

The choir is rendering better music each Sunday with the cooperation of the new members recruited mostly from the young people.

Men and women who are interested in the welfare of the church will allways find the house of God when they come to a city to live. Thus the only reason for the fact that the welcome is not as warm as it ought to be is the fact that the welcome is not as warm as it ought to be among those of the household of faith. But Centennial is not one of the cold churches. There is no work to do and we are able to use all the talent and ability that comes to St. Louis, Mo., from any part of the United States. If one of the readers of the Christian Plea know of anyone who has recently moved into this city, you would do the person and Centennial a great favor if you would let us know. Write either Eld. J. J. Green, 4406 Lucky or the Christian Plea, 425 DelBiviere Ave., and there will be some effort put forth to engage that person in some active branch of service.

Mrs. R. M. Logan, Elementary Supt., for Missouri, with the cooperation of the Tri-State Institute and Conference in Kansas City, Kan., Feb. 22. District No. 1 held its regular meet- ing in connection with this Conference.

Mrs. R. M. Logan, Elementary Supt., has accepted the position as assistant director of the Mid-West Young People’s Conference to be held at Dolton, Mo., June 25-27.1917 and will also act as dean of women at conference.

The little it takes to make life bright If we open our eye and get it. And the trigo that makes it as black as night If we close our eye and let it.

BOBOLI AS THE WORLD GOES WHIRLING BY It is gloomy or glad as it meets your eye. As it suits your eye, I mean by that. That we get what we look for mostly. You can have your cake,cake and eat it. And make your miseries ghostly; Or you can forget every joy you own By evoting something beyond your zone.

E. V. Cody, in kindness of Mrs. Viole Lueh, Cincinnati, O.

GRANDMA ROSE GOES TO CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

An original poem composed by Miss Angeline of Jackson, Mississippi, and read at the District Convention on Christian Endeavor night, Feb. 18.

'SUSAN, my gal, whar is you gwine? Good ions, chile, you is gone all time. Dare you go a powding you face, 'T would be better if you had grive.'

'Aw, grandma Rose, now dare you go. The jest gentlemoan down to church you know, Dey have a meeting on Sundays forever, It ain't a thing but the Christian Endeavor.'

'Susan, you’d better hurry back here, I be by my-self near bout all the year, You come and go on and go with me Then you’d see how jolly it be.'

Then Grandma Rose and little Susan, Reached church so soon I guess they ran. Then Grandma listened with both her ears, While Susan took part in spite of her fears.

'We have a visitor,' said Miss Clever, The one who presided over the Christian Endeavor. 'I know she’d like to say a word.' And Grandma’s word surprised all who heard.

'Bradens and sisters I come forr you, I’d like very much to join you, too, 'Kase my grandchilile dear, she told me To come with her to see what be.'

'I see how come she comes to it. If she didn’t come she’d have a fit. If she didn’t come she’d have a fit. If she didn’t come she’d have a fit. If she didn’t come she’d have a fit. If she didn’t come she’d have a fit. If she didn’t come she’d have a fit. If she didn’t come she’d have a fit.

Now things did change with little Susan While she could dress as fast as she can, Grandma would scold, ‘I’m late forever, Waiting for Susan to go to Christian Endeavor.'

Advertising That Brought Results

'I advertised that the poor were made welcome in this church,' said the vicar to his congregation; ‘and the offering amounts to ninety-five cents, I see they have come.'—Western Christian Advocate.

Probably Both

Dietitian: ‘—a few leaves of lettuce without oil, and a glass of orange juice. There, madam, that completes your daily diet.’

Mrs. Amplewit: ‘And I am to take this before or after meals’—Gobbles.

Loaded for Game

Hazard: ‘Your daughter and I are to be married, Mr. Smith. I suppose you’ve been expecting it.’

Mr. Smith: ‘Yes, I have. I’ve kept a shotgun loaded with rice for six months.’—Life.
Who's Who at Conference

JUST a few words about the training, experience, ability and caliber of those who will form the faculty in our Conference for the Young People would not be amiss.

I. Mr. S. W. Hutton, Dean of S. C. I. Conference.

Mr. HUTTON is Associate Secretary of Religious Education of the U. C. M. S. and has been holding the present position three years. Here he was regional secretary, and then C. M. S. field worker for Texas for ten and a half years.

Mr. Hutton was instrumental in raising $30,000 for the establishment of the Chair of Religious Education in Texas Christian University of which he is a graduate. He is well known to World Call readers by his "Parables of Jewish Stories and Interpretations," that are so interesting. He has served as dean of many Conferences and brings a wealth of experience to the Third Negro Conference.

II. Mr. V. G. Smith, Director of Both Conferences.

Mr. Smith is the editor of the Christian Plea. While his work has been primarily among young people, though not so old himself, he has taught at Alabama Christian Institute and lately to the Jubilee Rally Team who made possible the annual brotherhood conference in our brotherhood. He is a well informed woman and one that can and will add much to the success of our Conference.

III. Prof. P. H. Moss, Dean of Mid-West Conference and Instructor of S. C. I. Conference.

Prof. H. MOSS needs no introduction to the members of the Conference. He has served for thirteen years as the secretary of religious and missionary education in our brotherhood. His field work has carried him to all parts of the United States and even to Jamaica.

He finished the Southern Christian Institute and has had some academic work in a Kansas college and a term of special religious educational work at Boston University.

He is best known for his continuous service to the Bible schools and lately to the Adult Department particularly. He it was who first agitated a Young People's Conference, and last year took a year of graduate work in University of Chicago. He has served in this dual capacity for over a year.

He was one of the students of the First Young People's Conference, and last year entered in the directing and taught young people's methods as well as directing the recreation.

IV. Mrs. Ross Brown Grubbs, Dean of Women at S. C. I. Conference and Instructor in both Conferences.

Mrs. GRUBBS is also a well known person of our brotherhood. She has served as Secretary of the W. M. S. for a dozen years. She formed one of the Golden Jubilee, the team who made possible the new building program in our schools and urban centers.

She also is a graduate of S. C. L. and has taught at Alabama Christian Institute before its dissolution.

V. Miss D. L. Blackburn, Instructor in Both Conferences.

For seven years Miss Deets Blackburn served as elementary secretary for our national brotherhood. She, too, is known in every Bible school and though she has resigned, she is yet competent and willing to serve in the interest of religious education.

Miss Blackburn is a third graduate from Southern Christian Institute and has had both teaching experience in Alabama and Piedmont Christian Institutes and business experience in Oklahoma City, Okla.

She has served in both conferences held previous to this year and is well acquainted with the ideals and methods of young people's work.

VI. Miss Beanie Chandler, Instructor in the S. C. I. Conference.

Miss Chandler is the elementary superintendent to fill the vacancy created by Miss Blackburn's resignation. She is just starting in the field work, but as few have been able to start with her breadth and depth of training. Her literary work has been done at the Tennessee State College with a year of graduate work at S. C. L. She has attended both Young People's Conferences, three National conventions, many state conventions and has successfully held positions of leadership in her local church of Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Chandler is a promising young lady and one who can and will add much to the Conference in which she teaches.

VII. Mr. J. B. Lehman, Instructor in S. C. I. Conference.

Mr. LEHMAN is one of the well-known characters of our work and is well known also in Conference work. He has served in the two Conferences held and has proven himself a valuable asset to the directing of Conference in his grasp of the local situation.

His lifelong service among young people at S. C. L. has peculiarly fitted him to teach certain subjects better from experience than anyone else could from the syllabus. He has been so long interested in youth that his touching is specially adapted to their comprehension.

VIII. Miss Mary E. Monahan, Instructor in S. C. I. Conference.

Miss MONAHAN has served at the S. C. I. in capacity as librarian for a number of years. She has also been active in local conferences and comes to the Conference with a breadth of experience that will add to the course she is asked to teach.

She is a well informed woman and one that can open vistas of new thought and inspiration to the youth that is fortunate enough to take her course.

IX. Eld. P. A. Gray, Vesper Speaker in Both Conferences.

One of the best prepared men we have in our brotherhood is Mr. Gray. He finished his college work at Cotner College in Lincoln, Nebraska. Then he took up pastoral work in Misouri and is now serving as state evangelist of that state.

Mr. Gray is the president of the National Christian Endeavor Convention and has a great interest in young people. He holds state and district offices in the Bible school and C. E. departments, all of which further his interest in the line of work Conference is endeavoring to do.

He is a fluent and thoughtful speaker and one versed in Biblical knowledge and able to do well his part of the program.

X. Prof. John Long, Instructor and Dean of Men in S. C. I. Conference.

Mr. LONG has a long experience among young people, though not so old himself. He finished Eureka College in Illinois and later went to S. C. L. to teach. From the position of instructor he has risen to the presidency and head of the educational department of the school.

He was a Conference student in the early days of Conference and has served in the S. C. I. Conference one year. Besides all of his work is among the young people and what he has gleaned will be available to those coming in contact with him in the classroom and at the dormitory.

XI. Miss Grace McGavran, Instructor in S. C. I. Conference.

Miss McGAVRAN is a member of the Missionary Education Department of the U. C. M. S. While now in this department, she is not a novice by any means. She has served as director of missionary activity in local churches and has written many playlets and dramatizations on missionary subjects.

Also her work has made her thoroughly acquainted with the general principles of work in the Young People's Department. Her subjects are worship and dramatization at this Conference and she has had graduate work in both and is prepared to bring much to Conference.

XII. Mr. J. B. Hunter, Foreign Missionary at S. C. I. Conference.

Mr. Hunter was well prepared for the mission field by experience as a successful school teacher and preacher in addition to his college training and deep devotion to the Christian cause. The work he is serving in Japan in both educational and evangelistic lines has been most satisfactory.

Mr. Hunter is a good speaker of fine personality.

(Continued next month.)
FORWARD FOR CONFERENCE!

This summer marks the first extension of the Young People's Conference movement among the young people of the Disciple Brotherhood. Two Conferences were held in 1927, at the Southern Christian Institute and a third one will be held there this year. But in addition to this one a second region will have a training agency for the young people in Dalton, Mo., called the Mid-West Conference, projected especially for the youth surrounding this section of the country in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and a part of Illinois. However, it can also serve better both in matter of time and distance for Ohio, Indiana, and Western Kentucky. It meets later in the year than the S. C. I. Conference, thus allowing school youth to be there.

NO CONFERENCE IS PROJECTED EXCLUSIVELY FOR A STATE OR REGION. “Whosoever will, let him come!” To serve the youth of our land through the Conference program is our hope. There are yet three natural centers for Conferences to be established before there will be any sense of completeness about the national program. There should be a Conference for the Southwest in Texas, perhaps best located at Jarvis College. There should be one in the Central states for Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and a part of Tennessee. A third undeveloped region for Conference is the Piedmont region centering around Piedmont Institute in North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and East Tennessee. But in this Conference we plan for the exclusive use of that region. Convenience is the motive behind the establishment of new Conferences. The largest number to be benefited will mark the place and any financial aid will be a third or last consideration. Our churches are all relatively small, with unlimited finances, and the Conferences are placed where the largest number will get the most good at the lowest rate. Thus often $75.00 will take one person to the S. C. I. Conference from Kansas, while the same $75.00 will put three into a Conference in Missouri.

So two things ought to be laid on the minds of every leader of the local and state work at this time:

First, Have a young person from your constituency to take the work in a Young People’s Conference THIS YEAR. There is no time better than the present to start and you will thereby hasten the coming of Conference into a region nearer your church. The white youth of Missouri have three Conferences, but they did not get the second until they had made the first self-supporting with 125 students in attendance. The third followed the overflow of the other two. Thus Conference comes within a radius of less than a hundred miles from nearly every church in Missouri. Our growth can mean the same in our expansion if we can fill to overflowing the present Conferences. So permit nothing to prevent YOUR ORGANIZATION being represented.

Second, bear in mind the fact that you may hasten the coming of this agency into your state or region by some liberality on your part. The funds that are necessary to put on a Young People’s Conference without deficit are about $550.00. This can be taken care of through the registration fee if the attendance is 125 or more. But until the attendance reaches that, we must plan to take up the deficit elsewhere. Hence anticipating the first year’s deficit, we are asking state organizations to subsidize Conference. This will mean two good things to a state:

1. You will have “put out to the exchangers His money that at His coming He should receive His own, with interest” in your life prepared for Kingdom-Building.

2. You will have a definite financial interest in getting the Conference attendance built up where Conference will be self-supporting. “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

So plan to send a representative to the present Conferences:

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And plan to have a Conference in your region by donating a subsidy for this purpose from your Convention treasury.

V. G. Smith, Young People’s Secretary.

GREAT it is to believe the dream when we stand in youth by the starry stream; But a greater thing is to fight life through And say at the end, “The dream is true.”
PULLING POWER

FEW human beings have the qualities so well exemplified in the mule in the correct proportion of those of a mule. This long-earned quadruped has unusual pulling power. He is able to draw loads that his more high-strung cousin— the horse—cannot budge. He is able to work more hours under disadvantages than any other beast of burden. He can support a better average in amount of work done in terms of horsepower than the horse can.

But the mule is not a perfect beast by any means. He is the possessor of three very unpleasant habits. One of these is its power to make unearthly noises at most unseasonable hours. The bray of the mule is notoriously unsual. His voice has received more unfavorable criticisms than any editor's monotone. In truth, a mule's voice is a liability.

Also this quadruped is noted for the facility that he sometimes exhibits in the use of his hind legs. The kick of the mule has named an illicit product of these arid days. A sturdy blow from the rear extremities of this animal is one of the feared calamities in the life of the human who must drive this animal.

A third unusual quality of the mule finds expression in the term, "As stubborn as a mule." The obstinacy of the mule has reduced many a devout man to profanity. The unseemly strength of conviction often displayed by this animal is truly amazing. Science cannot account for the rambunctiousness of the "Pesky brute.

Now, as church leaders and followers, we have found some people possessed of the loud-mouthness of the mule. We have discovered the type of individual who has all the power of "kicking" that is displayed by our prototype. We have even found a person or two that is as obstinate as our friend of the animal world. But, there are few if any who have even one of these qualities of an adverse nature coupled with the great pulling power of the mule. "Kickers" cannot pull because to kick correctly one must be free of the harness. Oh! a display of temper may be made in harness but no real kicking can be done when the individual is truly tied to the task.

The bit in the mouth of the mule often acts as a mute to his tones. So the person who has taken upon himself the guidance of the Holy Spirit as shown in the leadership of his organization, has little or no breath or space left for much braying about his accomplishments. The "Puller" is rarely the "Booster."

The contrariness of the individual is almost a sure sign that his power to pull is lessened. To really have "Pulling Power" one must pull in the direction that the load is moving. But if the pulling is in another direction, it is not pulling with, it is pushing against.

If there is one among you who can combine either the braying of the mule, the "kick" of the mule or the stubbornness of the mule with his unusual pulling power, then the church will be as tolerant as the wind that twirls the mule. But be sure it is not the braying nor the "kick" nor the obstinacy that recommends you but the "Pulling Power."

TO THE STATE CONVENTIONS

OFTEN a long period elapses between the meeting of the Convention and the appearance of the Convention minutes. It is five or six months before the work of the Future Work, Business or Recommendation Committee of the Convention can get to the churches. Thus half of the conventional year is past and nearly all of the enthusiasm has ebbed before the churches have an opportunity to really have before them in printed form the plans of the year's work.

The Christian Plea is making the following offer to any state or district Convention that has been having trouble in this line:

We will print in the pages of the Christian Plea the Future Work report of any Convention or department that will send in ten subscriptions to the Christian Plea from the Convention through the secretary of the Convention. These subscriptions can be either new or renewals, taken there at the Convention or brought up from the churches and turned over to the secretary or some authorized person. They must be received from the church and not made up after the return home of the delegates. The Future Work report must accompany the list of subscriptions and the remittance. Hence we mention the fact that the secretary of the Convention would do well to send in all lists to the departments if the church does not wish to take up the matter.

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OBSERVE CHURCH RALLY DAY MAY 7

Prepare for Children's Day.
Promote Conference Attendance.
Have a Delegate at S. C. L., May 28 for Third Young People's Conference.
Start Collecting Deficits in All Missionary Claims.
WINNING OUT WHERE WINNING MEANS THE MOST

"I pray not that thou shouldest take them from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one." (John 17:15.)

"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the pleasures of Egypt." (Heb. 11:24.)

In studying the history of mankind we see how they picked up and migrated to some other place rather than to stay and win out where they were. In many instances this proved a great blessing to mankind; as for instance when the Pilgrims came to the bleak shores of New England rather than remain in England to work it out with the lords of that country. In this country they could set up a new order of things and the world has been greatly blessed because of what they did.

But in no instance did it prove a blessing when the motive for migration was to get an easier thing for itself. Whenever they went because they wanted a better chance to do work for mankind, as, for instance, when the Children of Israel came to Canaan, it proved a blessing.

During the last twenty-five years fully one-third of the rural Negro population of the South migrated to the cities. During the last eight years this migration has been mostly to northern cities, but during the twenty-five years about three-fifths went to southern cities while two-fifths went to northern cities. A careful observation will show that some of this migration was the wise thing and will prove a great blessing; but that which has justified it has long since been satisfied and the migration cannot go on without doing great harm to the future of the race and the country.

The Survey, a paper published in New York, has made a careful study of the situation and has just published a very thoughtful article entitled, "Rush of Negroes to Cities Has Created Grave Problems." After studying that we could not help to say, "How much better it would have been for them to have remained in the rural South and have stuck by it till they would have won a good place as yeomen of the land. The battle was sure to be long and hard, but in the end they were sure to become a great force in our land. Below we give extracts of this article from the Survey."

BUSH OF NEGROES TO CITIES HAS CREATED GRAVE PROBLEMS

"Since emancipation, nothing more astounding than the recent shift of Negroes to both northern cities has occurred to affect the contact between the races. From 1900 to 1920 Negro city population increased more than a million, and a half, in the Negro population of rural areas gained less than 72,000 or about 1 per cent. The white drift to the cities was also striking, especially these South; but despite this drain the white rural population managed to increase slightly.

"The greatest part of this migration occurred from 1910 to 1920. During that decade the Negro population in cities increased 875,000 and the rural population actually decreased. The 1900 estimates of the Census Bureau indicate a further increase of some 600,000 in the Negro urban population, giving a total increase of more than 2,100,000 for the twenty-five-year period, a growth of more than 100 per cent."

"Contrary to the general impression that the Negro migration has been chiefly northward, a study of the census figures shows that from 1900 to 1920 southern cities gained 897,292, while northern and western cities gained 671,292. On a percentage basis, however, the increase in the North was 130 per cent, as against 66 per cent in the South. During the latter half of the twenty-year period the gain in the North was considerably more rapid than between 1900 and 1910. This only serves to emphasize the fact that both in South and North the trend of the Negro population is definitely cityward, and that both in the North and the South are concerned with the problems of the city Negro. Such a wholesale displacement of population necessitates fundamental readjustments in the communities from which Negroes move, in the communities to which they come, and in the whole pattern of Negro life.

"The plan called for intensive studies in sixteen cities—Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Indianapolis, Chicago, Gary, Dayton, Louisville, Lexington, Knoxville, New Orleans, Memphis, Charleston, Winston-Salem, Lynchburg and Richmond. These comprised forty-six cities with a Negro population of more than 100,000, and six of the sixteen with a Negro population of between 25,000 and 100,000. In addition, a few smaller places were taken merely for the sake of contrast and comparison. The study therefore is concerned primarily with the most intense form of urbanization—that of large cities. The staff included Madame Healy Priest, who specialized on housing; Mr. Daniel, who specialized on schools, Henry J. McGurie, whose special study was recreation, and the writer, who specialized on mental conditions."

"It is remarkable that a million, or two-thirds of the increase between 1900 and 1920 should have been concentrated in the metropolitan centers of the East and the Middle West. Abnormal concentration in these large cities and neglect of the smaller cities is manifest not only in the North but also in the South, because each city in the South is immediately surrounded by a rural Negro population which can be drawn in as trade and industry expand. The migration to northern cities, however, comes from long range. In most cases, the destination is selected by the migrant on the basis of knowledge that others who have moved to that city have made a success. This tends to draw newcomers to places where migrants have already gone in large numbers.

"In eleven tenement houses, selected as typical by the Division of Housing of the Health Department of Philadelphia, 175 families were living in 354 rooms, an average of two rooms for 4-5 families. Forty-one families lived in one room, 109 in two, 45 in three, and 7 in four. One hundred and sixteen families shared 48 public toilets. In New York, Cleveland, Louisville, Memphis and New Orleans, similar conditions were found in tenements, arks, rookeries and rows in old changing supervision. In Richmond, the town, dwellings are crowded with migrant families.

"In these dense neighborhoods overcrowding saps vitality and moral vigor. Many people attribute the excessive Negro death rates from tuberculosis, pneumonia and the diseases of infants to inborn racial traits; others attribute crimes of violence and irregularities in family life to environmental and educational equipment. Whatever or not these conditions are influenced to some extent by heredity, the institute's study of the effects of environment indicates that they are also profoundly influenced by the conditions of life in cities.

"There is no question that the inferior living conditions of Negroes contribute largely to respiratory, intestinal and venereal diseases, and to the high infant death rate. It is also evident that wherever control has been undertaken immediately results. In Lynchburg, a highly organized and effective health department keeps down its rates through education and contact. In Richmond, the town, each nurse accountable for the death of any baby from intestinal disease.

"In the study of the schools made by Mr. Daniel, it was found that 'school funds are not adequate to meet the needs either in the North or the South, however, is not only poorer than the North but also less disposed to distribute such funds as are available according to the needs of the population.'

"In such items as salaries of teachers, preparation of teachers, courses of study, and laboratory and other equipment between Negro and white high schools are greater than the contrasts between Negro and white elementary schools. In cities south of Washington have Negro normal schools that measure up to the standards of accrediting agencies in this field. For instance, schools designed to the training of Negro teachers, and the facilities at their disposal, do not entitle these schools to consideration as normal normal normal."

"One of the most encouraging signs of advancement revealed by this study is the tendency among Negro parents to demand ownership. The number of home owners has increased materially in every city visited except New Orleans. From 1920 to 1925 in the northern cities was especially rapid. In most cases the slum sections were relatively constant in population, with Negro and non-Negro residents equally, while the population of the home-owning sections was increasing."

He who believes a thing possible of achievement never makes it so, for "faith is the substance of things hoped for."
A GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
An Address Delivered at the Annual Session of District No. 2 By Mrs. Mary VanBuren, State President of the W. M. S. Convention

IN THE New Testament, we find the women are always presented in relation to the Christ and the work of the Christian church. Elizabeth is the mother of the forerunner, John. Mary is the blest among women, and Elizabeth was her successor. All of the women were in their quiet and unassuming way that followed Jesus when He was in His public ministry in Galilee and Judea. Nearly all of these women were mature women of good position, excellent standing and wealth. Two of these were mothers of apostles—Salome, mother of James and John; and Mary, mother of James and John the Less. Others of this company were Joanna, wife of Herod's steward; Mary Magdalen, Susanna and others. These were the forerunners of their subordinates. Doubtless they did personal work among the women of that land since it was difficult for a teacher to reach them. This was the first W. M. S., though it did not possess that name. It was a missionary society in operation and in objectives. Martha and Mary who joyfully received Jesus and His disciples into their homes were the forerunners of the army of women who later made possible the advance of the cause of Christ by entertaining religious services or shelter in their homes. Mary the mother of Mark, Lydia of Philippis, Priscilla, were ever open hearts to Christian services.

Hospitality became of special value in the early church, not only for circuit preachers and traveling ministers but also for all traveling Christians and missionaries. Often at that time were poor accommodations and the company of roach guests rendered them less desirable. To win the hearts of the women Paul, himself, a traveling missionary, talked to them. Paul tells us that he found shelter in many Christian homes on his journeys and was grateful for it. He spoke of traveling loving laborers with him in the gospel. In another place he refers to the financial help given by the churches to extend the gospel and it was Lydia who was their generous leader. Paul found the same sort of assistance among the women that Jesus had used before in Galilee. Priscilla's teaching of Apollos of the things that she had heard of Paul, was done in her home in collaboration with her husband. In Paul's later writings he refers to the widows who were already becoming an order in the church, receiving support and rendering service like the present pastor's aid societies. Women also began in the apostolic church and gradually replaced the order of widows. Phoebe who bore the letter to the Romans, was an active worker and there were many others who cannot be named.

In the sub-apostolic age, women became active as organizers, singers and in service to the people of the church. With the rise of clericalism, the nunneries took the place of free work resulting later in founding hospitals and education in other fields. Many of the early followers of the church owe their conversion to the influence of the women, womanhood found in mother, wife or sister.

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PROGRAM OF WORK
For Missionary Organizations

June—

GUESTS. Let each member bring to this meeting one woman of the church who is not a member of the missionary society. Do this personally, individually, not by telephone or public announcement. Call for her and bring her with you as a guest of honor. In the following, while showing the program, give special honor to these and to all those who have become members through the year.

SERVICE. A Promotion service arranged by all Missionary Organizations. Make this attractive and a real event of the year.

Collection of all funds, remitting quota in full by June 20 to the United Christian Missionary Society, St. Louis, Mo.

PREPARATION. Meeting of the new and old executive committees together to consider the work of the old year and plan for the new. Preparing new divisions in preparation for work which begins July 1.

The thought of 1827-1828 has been Preparation. That of 1878 is Purpose.

Prepare the executive committee to enter the new year with a high purpose for all organizations.

TO THINK ABOUT. Have we taken the approved plan of graded organizations and put it forward with all our heart? Do the younger organizations meet the right leadership? Are they reporting and remitting regularly?

Should we not take a larger quota next year and meet it quarterly?

INFORMATION. Juniors having had their 12th birthday are promoted into Intermediate circles.

Intermediate Triangle members passing 14th birthday, into High School Triangle.

Girls of High School Triangle passing 18th birthday, into Boys of High School Triangle.

Boys of High School Triangle passing 18, into Young Men's Organization.

Circle Girls reaching their 25th birthday, into Guild.

Circle Girls married before June 30th, into Young Matron's Society.

Young Matrons passing their tenth wedding anniversary, into Woman's Society.

INDIVIDUAL. "For me to live is Christ."

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me.

Christ in every ear that hears me.

—St. Patrick.

So we trace the early stages of the development of women's work and influence in the early church, always and ever rising to meet the current needs. While she has been quiet and unassuming, never seeming to crave places of distinction, she has served well in her sphere and has always been alert and ready for any opportunity that came to her.

In the 19th century in the fullness of time, the opportunity came to woman to respond to the missionary call which was first sounded in our land at a haystack prayer-meeting in 1800. The answer was immediate and wholehearted. Woman, could not go to the foreign fields, formed organizations in the local churches at home. These earliest missionary efforts were purely local in character, and showed the power of a small number of faithful women who raised small sums of money that were given to the officers of the church for distribution. It was only a question of time until information from the foreign fields began to break in on their consciousness and they were made to realize this unique and challenging task belonged to the women of the church. Soon they felt the responsibility of the gospel of the whole world. In 1854, they attempted to organize a general society but met with determined opposition and the attempt was abandoned.

In 1861 they again attempted to organize and the result was a Woman's Union Missionary Society with auxiliary societies in all of the local churches about New York City. This was a federation of the societies of different churches. Later, it served as an aid and Woman's Boards of Missions were formed by the various denominations. All of the large Protestant communions formed these organizations between 1868-1874. This means there were a few W. M. S. in the Christian Church but these were unable to meet the needs of the day. An organization that would represent the entire womanhood of the church was the great need.

A call was issued for a meeting of the women at the General Missionary Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, October, 1874. This proved to be an historic hour for the women of the church. Simply and quietly were the women of the church organized to meet the outstanding challenge of the twentieth century. Today we see the result of a faith that lent courage to a breaking vision of service in the following developments:

1. A regular educational monthly program which small as it sometimes is proves a growing power in the church in the entire program of church missionary education.

2. A systematic method of giving that serves as a training school for consecration of larger gifts.

3. The teaching and training of the youth in missionary vision and inspiration that will recruit men and money for the missionary service.

So we move on in perfect order from the work of women among adults to the work of women among children. In 1888, the development was a department of children's work to direct our young ones into missionary paths. Now there has come into being young people's circles, triangle clubs, junior envoys—a veritable army in a great movement to spiritualize the whole church and evangelize the whole world.

In 1890 the Christian Woman's Board of Missions merged with the United Christian Missionary Society and in that period its missionaries had increased to more than one thousand, its annual offering has leaped from $430.00 to approximately $10,000, the largest of any single board of the church.

THUS we trace the path of one of the auxiliaries of the church from a most insignificant beginning to the heights of greatest glorious activity. Let us, like manner let us develop our district work. This will mean cooperation of all not only in the larger program of the church but in the one that our Lord. We are engaged in a great cooperative effort with the state and the success depends upon every woman in (Continued on page 12.)

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
We have not complied with the financial promises of the National Convention to the general fund. The promotion of the work must be met by this fund. On the account of our failure the Joint Executive Committee has been in a financial strain during the missionary year. It has been forced to release and "park" general workers to continue the work and prevent a growing deficit. The Christian Plea had to be made a monthly issue instead of a weekly. The program of the field and evangelistic work has been retarded. It is facing the close of the missionary year with a larger deficit. The promotion of our National work can't continue with this deficit.

This condition is the result of our failure to comply with promises made at the Convention.

The First Sunday in May is the National Rally Day for the churches to raise their apportionments for the General Fund. We are sincerely appealing to the pastors, officers and churches to observe the day. If not the first Sunday, one Sunday in May, and report to the U. C. M. S., 425 DeBaliviere Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

To the State Convention

Our state convention period begins in June. The plan is to send uniform report blanks for the local churches in all states for their report to state conventions.

The state secretaries will be requested to make the state's report to the National Convention from the local church reports.

Each convention is requested to elect one delegate for each five hundred members, or fraction thereof reported in the convention, to the National Convention in Chicago. Also each state convention is requested to elect one person to be a member of the Recommendation Committee of the National Convention.

In case the National Convention meets before your state convention, the state boards of such states are requested to appoint delegates for the state to the National Convention. Also each state is requested to report at the National Convention with an enrollment fee of five dollars from each organized church represented in the state convention. (See National Minutes, 1927.)

It is necessary, from all viewpoints, for all our churches to make a faithful effort to raise their apportionment on the first Sunday in May and wipe out at once this paralyzing deficit.

To wisely make plans for the National work another year, this deficit must be wiped out before June 30. We should be faithful to our promises and program of the National Convention.

—Wm. A.

North Tazewell, Va.

REPORTER—Eld. G. M. Dickerson, Pastor

King's Chapel Church of Christ closed a very successful meeting. Eld. S. Kenny of North Main Street Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., did the preaching.

Eld. Kenny proved himself a great evangelist. He preached a series of interesting Gospel sermons which were both practical and Scriptural. The church was much revived and the entire community was stirred. There were twenty-two additions and all except two were between the ages of 15 and 30 years.

We heartily recommend Eld. Kenny to churches desiring meetings. He is president of the Tri-State Convention and is making a fine record in establishing new churches of Christ. The spirit and courage of the church is prophetic of still greater progress. The Christian Woman's Missionary Society has recently put a piano in the church of which pastor and congregation are justly proud. These women can be counted upon to stand by the church in any effort and emergency.

Greenville, Texas

REPORTER—L. A. White

Eld. N. H. Johnson is still holding his own at Clark St. Christian Church. All of his sermons are good but especially fine was one on "Labor and Self-Development"—Scripture lesson, Luke 19. The market place represents the world. The different stages in which men entered the vineyard represents the different ages men enter God's work but he emphasized the best time as youth.

Another great sermon was on "A Dreamer" taken from the incidents surrounding Jacob's flight from home with special emphasis on selfishness as the greatest enemy in the world to Christianity.

Our Bible school is doing nicely. The offering for March was $5.98 and for the last two months it has totaled $16.90. This department has an Easter program.

If we would be good to the world—just pretend the world wide, great, wonderful, is a sort of heaven and we are angels of mercy—how loving and kind we would be to one another and what a happy place the world would be to live in.

The Clark St. quartet under the direction of Mr. W. P. Fudgen, a graduate of Jarvis, sang at the Colonial Theater for the Men's Bible Class on Sunday, April 1.

We are grieved over the death of our beloved sister, Mrs. Lola Price, who passed away Thursday, March 22.

Austin, Texas

REPORTER—I. Q. Hurdle

Twelfth St. Christian Church is still on the "firing line" with pastor G. W. Taylor at the head of our little band. We have made rapid progress under his wise guidance. Our efforts for the ministerial relief and missionary drive has had our attention for a few weeks and resulted in a glorious success on Easter. We are looking forward to Children's Day. We keep a goal in front of us at all times.

All departments of the church are at work.

Eld. J. H. Tatnell, who has been away for two years, has returned to Austin and we greeted him happily and gave him a class in the Bible school, the same he had left before he moved away. Both he and his wife, who is now in bad health, are Christian leaders indeed. He has our sympathy and we are yet hoping that Mrs. Tatnell will improve in health.

Eld. L. Leatherman and wife are regular attendants at Bible school. Eld. Leatherman held the congregation together in glorious success one year, previous to securing the present edifice where we now worship. And he has been the shepherd for us during the time we were without a regular employed pastor. He has been in the ministry many years.

We are going to see that we do not fall short of our part of the budget for this year. We respond to our pastor when he calls. He ranks among the best ministers of the city regardless of creed. The citizens of Austin have learned much more about the church of Christ since he has been in the city. May God bless Mrs. Taylor who is doing all she can for the Master here.

Things to Remember

June 30 closes the Missionary year.

State Conventions meet soon.

Young People's Conferences meet the weeks of May and June.

Schools of Methods meets in June.
HAPPLNIGS AT JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

L. M. Whitehead

SPRING seems to be in the air and the beautiful song birds have come back to tell all Jarvis that spring is almost here. We feel that, of all times of the year, spring time at Jarvis is most welcomed.

We look with grateful hearts to President J. N. Ervin as we see the trains stop in front of our campus daily. We realize that this has been a rare piece of work and no one but a man with a forceful personality like that of our president could accomplish this.

The Music Department of Jarvis has been rendering programs at towns near by. The reports from these programs have been very favorable.

Addresses to the student body were made at the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday by the following out-of-town friends: Mrs. B. E. Campbell of Greenville, Texas, on Feb. 26, and Eld. J. E. Quares of Ft. Worth, Texas, on March 11.

President Ervin, an executive member of the Y. M. C. A. Older Boys' Conference, met in a meeting with other members at Prairie View College, March 2, 3 and 4.

Coaches H. Ward and J. H. Ward are planning to have the best baseball team in the state.

The mid-term examinations are over and the students have settled down to the work of the second term with increased interest.

Miss Lula B. Jennings of Port Gibson, Miss., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Berry.

Mrs. L. B. Ross, a member of our faculty, has been seriously ill and is at present receiving medical attention at Sheppard's Sanitarium at Marshall, Texas.

Hon. M. H. Thomas of Dallas has made several short visits to the school recently.

On Feb. 26 Mrs. J. N. Ervin directed a play, "The Questioner," for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society. A nice sum of money was realized from this performance.

President and Mrs. J. N. Ervin entertained the graduating class of the College Department at their home Monday evening, March 12. A two-course luncheon, consisting of chicken salad, punch, ice cream and cake, was served.

On March 13, Mrs. Parthena Hill, oldest member of the Heroines of Jericho, in company with the Secretary and Treasurer, visited the morning services at Jarvis Christian College. Before the services she presented to President J. N. Ervin, in honor of Mrs. W. E. Ervin who is a member of the lodge, the sum of fifty-one dollars ($51.00) to be used in furnishing the new Jubilee building. The lodge is located at Big Sandy, Texas. Mr. George Hill, the Ancient Joshua, was presented to the student body and voiced the sentiment of good will as expressed from his lodge to Jarvis Christian College for its worthy stand taken to help the youth of the land. He expressed himself as being very much pleased with his visit to Jarvis.

Prof. C. A. Berry spoke in response to the remarks made by Mr. Hill, mentioning how he had watched the interest of the people of Big Sandy grow toward Jarvis. He also made mention of other gifts that the lodge had made to Jarvis in years past. President J. N. Ervin, on behalf of the United Christian Missionary Society, student body and faculty of Jarvis and the community friends, thanked Mrs. Hill and the other members of the lodge for their gift and assured them that it would be used for the purpose given.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK

It is gratifying to know how faithfully and self-sacrificingly the members of the Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, are pulling together to finish raising the money for the last note on the church lot. Their leader, Eld. M. M. Bostiek, is leading them rapidly and all are working earnestly with him.

The writer was asked over to speak to the Christian Endeavor on March 4th. The president, Mr. Taylor E. Cole presided. The subject for that evening was an interesting one on "What Example Was Christ to the Children?" An offering of $2.00 was raised. Mr. Cole is a faithful worker for the Christian Endeavor and he puts his whole heart into the work.

After the Endeavor, a message on "Confidence" was given by the pastor, which all seemed to enjoy. The clubs then made reports and laid on the table two hundred and seven dollars and thirty-five cents ($207.35). We all enjoyed every part of the service that night. Just a few more dollars and the note will be met.

In South Carolina, seven new school buildings have been erected in Charleston County alone for Negro children. The largest is a four-room structure costing $4,600, of which the county supplied $3,000, the Rosenwald Fund $1,000, the Negroes of the county and the land on which it stands. The others also are the product of cooperative effort.

GEORGIA is not more free from the stain of lack of fairness in educational matters than North Carolina. Atlanta, Ga., voted a bond issue for school building, the Negro voters throwing the balance in favor of it. $700,000 of the total of $8,500,000 was the agreement with the Negro voters. Now the present situation demands that for the 21,555 Negro children, which are one-third of the total, that two or three sessions per day be held in some of the schools to accommodate them. The Atlanta Christian Council is protesting the plan of the Educational Board to expand less than two-fifths of the promised amount of the bond issue.
BELLEVILLE, TEXAS

Mr. Lewis McDonald was called from labor to rest on Sunday, Feb. 26. He departed this life at his home after a long illness. He was seventy-five years old and had been a member of the church for forty-seven years. He served in the office of an elder for many years in the Miller Chapel Church and was zealous in all church work.

He was a man of family forty-eight years, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie McDonald, one son and one daughter. He was also a Mason.

The funeral services were held Feb. 28 at the A. M. E. Church and were attended by a large number of friends, Eld. James Young officiating.

FROM ARKANSAS

CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

REPORTER—BETTIE S. JOHNSON

On Monday morning, Feb. 13, the church suffered the loss of one of its most devoted members in the person of Mr. Joe Hawkins, who had been a member of the church thirty-two years and an officer for five years. As a member of the trustee board, he was faithful and while not a man gifted in speech, yet when he spoke his word carried weight for he was a man under his decisions. Mr. Hawkins was a friend to all the preachers and his door was always open to them. He treated all alike. He suffered much but his sufferings were true to the Scriptures since he was made perfect through suffering. He was highly respected by both colored and white of the community. Through the death of Mr. Hawkins the church has suffered a severe loss, as he was always ready to assist in whatever he was called upon to do. He was faithful not only in words but also in deeds.

His funeral services were conducted by Eld. W. H. Brown, under whose ministry he united with the church, assisted by Eld. J. P. Blades.

His wife, Mrs. Betty Hawkins, was very attentive and cared for him most tenderly until the call came.

Mrs. Mattie Thomas was buried Mar. 1. She had been invalid for several years and her death was not unexpected.

The seven tribes are working like bees and we hope to raise a goodly sum toward the payment of valid for several years and her home after a long illness. She loved the church and attended the services regularly. She stood firm in the one faith.

She was living and kind in her home and tried to make it pleasant for those who came around her. It seems that she was loved by all who knew her.

The funeral services were held at the Pea Ridge Christian Church where she was a member. Elders W. M. Martin and M. M. Bostick conducted the services and spoke of her commendable Christian life. The community has lost a good neighbor and the church a faithful member.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

Feb. 25, 1928, Mr. Isaac Crayton fell asleep. His funeral was conducted by Eld. G. L. Taylor from the Murphy Ave. Christian Church. Feb. 27, Mr. Crayton had been in the ministry fifty-four years, converting nearly eight hundred souls, being one of the old pioneer preachers who helped to blaze the way. He used to ride horseback some time, walk some time to carry the Gospel and would take neither script nor purse for his journey.

Mr. Crayton left a large number of relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Whether his soul rose to a more glorious sunrise or whether he awoke in the celestial city we do not know, but we do know he did preach the Gospel and tried to make the world better to live in, which assures our citizenship in Heaven where awaits Jesus Christ.
REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

12th Annual Convention Disciples of Christ to be held
Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church
August 27th to September 2nd
J. E. Durden, Chairman

FOR the success of the National Convention and the uplift of mankind for the Kingdom of God, we the Committee on Transportation, authorized by the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, do hereby submit our plans to you for your co-operation in the 12th Annual Convention of which your school will be a part. We are making arrangements for rates on all railroads for a required number of delegates from Churches in the various sections of the country. We would suggest that upon your itinerary you will find in the following:

For 250 delegates and friends, a rate of one and one-half fare; for three hundred, one and one, for three hundred-fifty or more one fare.

COMMITTEE:
J. E. Durden Chairman
Robert S. Dudley Post Office Dept.
James G. Scotts Government Assistant District Hattie Tyree Attorney
Aleta Alexander Church clerk

TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAR. 2, 1928
REPORTER—UNKNOWN

The Second Christian Church at Topeka, Kansas is located at the corner of 12th and West Port, with C. D. Dole as pastor. The church has advanced rapidly, and has had much improvement under his leadership. The church building was remodeled last year. On the same corner where there was a print-faded building is now a cozy house of worship. Eld. Dole has a very efficient staff of workers under the leadership of Mr. G. T. Murray as President of the staff.

On January 5, 1928 Eld. A. W. Davis, Evangelist began a series of revival services. These lasted two weeks, and were very successful. Eld. Davis gave instructive and educational sessions each night, and these were well attended.

On Sunday evening, February 19, 1928, the entire group of converts were baptized. The baptizing was very impressive and the church was greatly strengthened. Eld. Davis closed the meeting with high honors.

The Bible school and Christian Endeavor are doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Gaittiskill became active members of the Endeavor a short while ago. We are looking forward to a greater success in the near future.

Houston, Texas, is a great commercial center and surely a strategic point so far as our church is concerned. The church there is progressing under the leadership of the Evangelist H. G. Smith. The one regret on the part of the people of Houston is that they cannot have his full time and the amount of work which he is doing. The Missionary Society of this church, under the leadership of Mrs. W. F. Thomas, missed its goal last year by just a few dollars. But this year they are making a strenuous effort during this last quarter. The State and National Conventions are just a few months off. The close of the missionary year at the Annual Convention, the People's Conference is to be held and all of the man-and-dollar-power of Centennial is needed. May you do your part in this. The support of all is necessary.

Mr. Joseph Stevenson, as leader of Centennial, was indisposed but is better now. The Christian Plea research and two new subscriptions were taken in Sunday, April 1, 1928.
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March 14-16, 1928

Conducted By
Patrick Henry Moss

Field Secretary of Religious Education
Kansas City, Kansas

SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM

7:15 Get acquainted Session.
7:30 Worship Service.
7:45 The Underlying principles of Religious Education.
Prof. Patrick Henry Moss.
8:45 Conference.
9:15 Adjournment.

Second Evening

7:30 Worship Service.
7:45 (A) Lesson Plan and Presentation.
(B) The Teachers Tools.
Prof. Patrick Henry Moss.
8:45 Conference.
9:15 Adjournment.

Third Evening

7:30 Worship Service.
7:45 The Three Outstanding Factors in the Church School Program.
Prof. Patrick Henry Moss.
8:45 Conference.
9:15 Adjournment.

Supt. Perry Carbett

A FIELD of activity opened to Negroes
at present and one offering an opportunity for constructive amelioration of social and race conditions, is the positions opened for trained social service workers in the various cities.

- Interracial Commission, Atlanta, Ga.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

MAPLE ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LOCKLAND, OHIO

"ME"

EX. W. H. DICKERSON, MINISTER

TEXT-

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

"Who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

"For necessity is laid upon me." 1 Cor. 9:16.

I have no right to expect so much good of other people than I should expect of MYSELF.

 Charity begins at home. "Save YOURSELF from this crooked generation." Acts 2:40.

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.

What would Christ's church be, if every member in it were just like ME?

Like ME in attendance; like ME in praying; like ME in working; like ME in giving.

What would my home be, if every one in it were just like ME?

What would my community be, if every one in it were just like ME?

What would my country be, if every one in it were just like ME?

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"Think on these things." Phil. 4:8.

Location of Mid-West Young People's Conference

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Better Bible Schools—How to Improve Them

A paper read at the District Meeting of District No. 4 at Danville, Ky., Jan., 1928.

By Mrs. Bertha Peaks

The first step in my mind in the making of Better Bible Schools is to find each office with the best qualified person available. The superintendent should be a wide-awake man or woman who can and will give his or her heart to the work. Each officer and teacher should be chosen to fill the position he is best able to fill.

Second—Literature. These offices should see that the proper literature for each age and group is used in the Bible school.

Third—Program. The Bible School should by all means have a definite program for the year. Every member should do his part to carry out the program successfully. Each person should have his specific work to do and give consideration to the requests of the superintendent, cooperating with every plan for the betterment of the entire school.

Fourth—Work for Young People. Young people are active beings—busy most of the time out of the church. Why not give them something to do in the Bible school aside from their class study through which they will have the opportunity to express themselves? Most any girl or boy would rather tell or listen to a good missionary story during the closing exercises of the Bible school than sit idly waiting for the secretary to finish the report or hear the superintendent make the same speech over and over again.

Fifth—Punctuality. We should encourage promptness in opening and closing the school and punctuality on the part of every member.

If these five points are kept in mind: Best available officers, proper Literature, Definite Program, Employment of Young People, Punctuality; we will find better and improved Bible schools.

"MY CALLING TO THE MINISTRY"

By Eldress Maud Davis

O a summer night the moon was shining and lonely I sat repining. Out west amidst the picturesque mountains Musings over bygone days accounting.

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Better Bible Schools—How to Improve Them

A paper read at the District Meeting of District No. 4 at Danville, Ky., Jan., 1928.

By Mrs. Bertha Peaks

The first step in my mind in the making of Better Bible Schools is to find each office with the best qualified person available. The superintendent should be a wide-awake man or woman who can and will give his or her heart to the work. Each officer and teacher should be chosen to fill the position he is best able to fill.

Second—Literature. These offices should see that the proper literature for each age and group is used in the Bible school.

Third—Program. The Bible School should by all means have a definite program for the year. Every member should do his part to carry out the program successfully. Each person should have his specific work to do and give consideration to the requests of the superintendent, cooperating with every plan for the betterment of the entire school.

Fourth—Work for Young People. Young people are active beings—busy most of the time out of the church. Why not give them something to do in the Bible school aside from their class study through which they will have the opportunity to express themselves? Most any girl or boy would rather tell or listen to a good missionary story during the closing exercises of the Bible school than sit idly waiting for the secretary to finish the report or hear the superintendent make the same speech over and over again.

Fifth—Punctuality. We should encourage promptness in opening and closing the school and punctuality on the part of every member.

If these five points are kept in mind: Best available officers, proper Literature, Definite Program, Employment of Young People, Punctuality; we will find better and improved Bible schools.

"MY CALLING TO THE MINISTRY"

By Eldress Maud Davis

O a summer night the moon was shining and lonely I sat repining. Out west amidst the picturesque mountains Musings over bygone days accounting.

The August night seemed long and dreary. My poor soul so sore, distressed and weary. Thinking of the past and longing to see. What would my home be, if everyone in it were just like ME?

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THREE CHRISTIAN FESTIVITIES

H. H. Peters, State Secretary of Illinois

CHRISTIANS generally do not realize that the radical Protestants in the days of Luther came very nearly throwing out both Christmas and Easter. They did not find in the Scriptures a single line of evidence that the twenty-fifth day of December is the birthday of Jesus, nor did they find anything in the Bible about the Easter. Though not pcving vigorously against the Roman Catholic Church those who were protesting vigorously against the Roman Catholic Church were tempted in their efforts to purge the church of paganism to throw out certain festivities and substitute others.

We are glad that the radicals did not prevail. We do not defend Christmas and Easter. They form two of the three deepest roots of our Christian enterprise. We are glad that the radicals did not prevail. We do not defend Christmas and Easter. They form two of the three deepest roots of our Christian enterprise. We are glad that the radicals did not prevail. We do not defend Christmas and Easter. They form two of the three deepest roots of our Christian enterprise. We are glad that the radicals did not prevail. We do not defend Christmas and Easter. They form two of the three deepest roots of our Christian enterprise. We are glad that the radicals did not prevail. We do not defend Christmas and Easter. They form two of the three deepest roots of our Christian enterprise. We are glad that the radicals did not prevail. We do not defend Christmas and Easter. They form two of the three deepest roots of our Christian enterprise. We are glad that the radicals did not prevail. We do not defend Christmas and Easter. They form two of the three deepest roots of our Christian enterprise.

MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 6

The Christian Bible School Workers Institute of District No. 6 held its quarterly session at the Little Rock Christian Church, March 24-25, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jackson and Mrs. B. H. Johnson of Dayton, Ohio, were present. Mr. Jackson gave us a very interesting talk on efficient work in the Bible school.

We are glad to say that this was our banner meeting since organization at this place ten years ago. We feel that the success of the institute has been due to the labor of love and the personal cultivation of the student evangelist, Eld. C. H. Johnson, who has labored to make District No. 6 an ideal district for the state.

We were honored in having with us in these sessions, Mrs. M. E. Taylor, State President of the Bible School Convention, and Mr. Amos Jackson with an interesting message on "The Necessity of Trained Future Teachers for the Bible School." Miss Anna Bramlett of Little Rock read an interesting paper on "Which is of Greater Importance, the Saving of Life and Soul or the Saving of Money." The subject "Does the Bible School Need Trained Teachers," was ably discussed by Mr. Joe Lodridge of Mt. Sterling, Ky. A number of fine papers were read by delegates from Winchester, Fairview, Arrow's Run, and Moundsville.

The Little Rock Church wished to thank all the workers for the meetings that they made this banner meeting of the district.

$25.00 were raised.

Committee: Anna Bramlett, C. W. Duncan, B. F. Freeman.
Laughs, Grins and Giggles

Proper Care of Husbands

"So you let your husband carry a latchkey"?
"Oh, just to humor him. He likes to show it to his friends to let them see how independent he is—but it don’t fit the door!—Canadian American.

Thrift

"I hear that Scotty, the owner of the Highland Restaurant, is pretty thrifty."--The Christian Register.

"Thrifty! Why, do you know, he has the little pieces they punch out of the checks swept up and sold for cents!"--The Christian Register.

Needed a Rest

"My word, I'm badly overworked."
"What are you doing?"
"Oh, this and that."
"When?"
"Now and then."
"Where?"
"Here or there."
"Well, you must need a holiday!"

An Up-to-date Elephant

Muriel had been to the zoo for the first time and was giving her grandmother a long account of what she had seen. "And which animal did you like best, dear?" asked her grandmother when Muriel had finished. "Oh that elephant!" was the reply. "It was wonderful to see him pick up buns with his vacuum cleaner!"

Reverse Evolution

The motorist had had an accident with his light car on the Brighton road. He limped painfully to a telephone box and called up the nearest garage.

"Hello," he said. "I've turned turtle. Can you do anything for me?"
"I'm afraid not," came the sweet feminine reply. "You've got the wrong number. What you want is the zoo."—Vancouver Province.

His Joke Not Appreciated

A man stole a saw, and on his trial he told the judge that he only took it for a joke.

"How far did you carry it?" inquired the judge.

"Two miles," answered the prisoner.

"Ah, that's carrying a joke too far," said the judge, and the prisoner was sentenced to jail for three months—Confederate Veteran.

Demanded Competency

The dear old lady entered the drug store and looked doubtfully at the youth behind the counter.

"I suppose," she said, "that you are a properly qualified druggist?"
"Yes, madam."
"You have passed all your examinations?"
"Certainly."
"You've never poisoned anyone by mistake?"
"Not to my knowledge," She showed a Erie of relief.

"Very well; then you can give me a nickel's worth of cough drops."—The Western Christian Advocate.

Relation of C. E. to Church

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should be "up to the church" to spare neither expense nor ingenuity to provide a social center for its youth. A clean, wholesome, social atmosphere under the roof of the church will save more young people for the Kingdom of God than a thousand continuous sermons.

One evening I chanced to hear a young white man unburden himself of his ideas regarding the relation of his people to the other races of the world. To him everything that is not white is to be taken as a symbol of inferiority, and should therefore occupy an inferior position. On another Sunday evening I heard a Negro lad denounce in no uncertain terms all missionaries and missionary enterprises because of the commercial influences which have followed the trail blazed by the evangelists of peace and good will.

In each instance, after the flushed champion had finished his outburst, the awed silence was broken by the voice of men whose experience and contact with life added weight to their words as they presented the other side of the question. Truth, tolerance and experience, tempered with love, set each of these erring young men aright and prevented the entire group from falling into grievous error.

This is only one example of the necessity for competent supervision in this and other phases of the C. E. work. The young men simply had to relieve themselves of their pent-up feelings, which was a good thing. But think of how much damage would have been done without timely intervention of the director.

The results derived from a balanced program for young people may be summed up in this phrase, "a growing church." One has only to watch the steady growth of the ones who do, and the gradual decline of the others who do not concern themselves with a youth's program, to be convinced that it pays, and pays, and pays to relate the C. E. and its work to the church in the same manner that the Bible school, missionary societies, and the church proper are related and integrated.

Back-Talk

"For two cents," said the policeman angrily, "I'll run you in."
"Good thing. I know king don't two," declared the bold bad college youth, "Because one copper couldn't do it."—Boston Transcript.

Part of His Tackle

"Is Bill getting ready for the fishing season?"
"Well, I saw him buying an enlarging device for his camera."—Backwell Belle Hop.

To the State Convention

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For the state whose departments and church convention want the future work reported the following are the terms: For the church—ten subscriptions and for the departments five additional subscriptions. That is, if the W. M. S., Bible School, and C. E. Conventions wanted their Future Work reports printed, there would be a total of 25 subscriptions coming from that state.

This applies only to Future Work Reports. They may be called differently, as Business or Recommendations Report, but all mean the outline for the work to be done by the Convention in the next year. This is a service to the State Conventions that the Christian Plea is able to offer.

A Glorious Achievement

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every missionary society in every district. In addition to cooperation there must be faithfulness to the little tasks that are to be done. The sum of the little things wake up the large accomplishments. We must also be loyal—loyal to our office, to our district, to our state, to the brethren, to Christ and to His program. When loyalty is not cultivated in the local church, the lack manifests itself in all of the work. Our success depends wholly on the local societies. If the average woman would apply half she knows about Christ and His principles to the ill of the day, this would be a lovelier and more beautiful world in which to live.

Let us determine anew to devote ourselves to the task of building up our district work with the same fidelity, loyalty and devotion that enabled our pioneer sisters to build one of the greatest auxiliaries of the church. We must build our work as suggested by Isaiah,

"Precept upon precept, line upon line,
In Praise of Childhood

In praise of little Children I will say
God first made man, then found a better way
For woman, but His third way was the best.
Of all things created, the loveliest
And most divine, are Children. Nothing here
Can be to us more gracious or more dear.
And though when God said all His works were good
There was no rosy flower of babyhood,
'Twas said of Children in a later day
That none could enter Heaven save such as they.

The earth which feels the flowering of a thorn,
Was glad, O little Child, when thou wert born.
The earth which thrills when skylark scales the blue,
Soared up itself to God's own Heaven in you;
And Heaven, which loves to lean down and to glass,
Its beauty in each dewdrop on the grass—
Heaven laughed to find your face so pure and fair,
And left, O little Child, its reflex there.

—William Canton.
INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION

"N O MAN liveth to himself," is as true today as it was when it was spoken a long, long time ago. We cannot have an American breakfast without calling on several states if not countries. If we are using the old-fashioned cook stove, we go to Alabama to get the metallic substance out of which the stove is made; if you are having tea, we go to Japan; sugar, you go to Louisiana. You come to Kansas to get your flour, etc. I am glad to say that we are learning the lesson in the religious world. Teamwork and co-operation are mighty big words in our thinking today. In the preparation of the textbooks in the New Standard Teacher Training Course, it was discovered that no one had enough talent to write all the books, hence the publication boards syndicated to produce the best material. This spirit of co-operation is beginning to manifest itself among the Sunday School workers and field secretaries.

February 5-12, the Southside Training School, of Chicago, Illinois, put on an effort that listed 17 churches, with an enrollment of 109 church school workers, a faculty of six coming from the following Church Boards: A. M. E. Church, represented by Dr. J. C. Calwell; M. E. Church, Dr. F. H. Butler; A. M. Z. Church, Dr. Lee; C. M. E. Church, Dr. Martin; Baptist Church, Dr. J. T. Brown, and the Christian Church, the writer. These several days of fellowship gave each of us a better understanding of how to work together, for we have a common task. Mr. Prince of the Wabash Y. M. C. A. was the dean of the school. Mr. Eichelburger, of the A. M. Z. Church, was much responsible for the success of the school. There were others who contributed time, talent and money that this first effort might not prove a failure.

The writer conducted an interdenominational Leadership Training Institute, March 14-16, at Valdosta, Georgia. There were nine Sunday Schools represented in this institute. We gave a lecture course which seemed to have been appreciated by all attending. The attendance was light, and interest high.

The writer was invited to attend the Baptist Sunday School Convention to deliver a series of lectures. This invitation was turned down because of previous engagements.

In passing I spoke of an interdenominational council for superintendents. I think the suggestion will be put into effect. There should be more teamwork done among the workers of the Bible School. You will find that our problems are the same. These young people and children go to the public schools together on week days, they meet in the several churches on Lord's Day, but the Sunday school lessons, Uniform or Graded, are the same. There is no reason why we should not train our leaders together when it is feasible.

We are planning to hold Schools of Methods in Virginia and Ohio in the month of June. We are holding two Young People's Conferences this year. We hope to direct at least one Vacation Church school and conduct many week-end conferences. Invite your friends of other communions to take part in this training.

P. H. M.

Who's Who at Conference

MANY of the persons used on the faculty for the Third Annual Young People's Conference at the Southern Christian College will be used on the Mid-West Conference faculty. The May issue of the Christian Plea carried an account of the following who will serve in the Mid-West Conference and will not be repeated here:

Mrs. R. E. Grubbs, Instructor.
Prof. H. H. Moss, Dean and Instructor.
Miss Dee Dee Black, Instructor.
V. G. Smith, Director.

Eld. P. A. Gray, Vesper Speaker and Instructor.

Others who will serve are as follows:

ELD. C. E. CRAGGETT, DEAN OF MEN AND INSTRUCTOR

The Second Young People's Conference last year was thrilled with the thoughtful and exhaustive messages of Mr. Craggett as the Vesper speaker. This year he is being used in the Mid-West Conference in a little different capacity but he has proven himself as one able to work well with young people and will be an inspiration to all who will come to this conference. He is at present minister of the Woodland Ave. Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo. Here he was located in Kansas and was the author of those gems of thought that used to appear in the Gospel Plea under the caption,"From the Plain ofậnos."

MRS WILLIAM ALPHIN, INSTRUCTOR

Mrs. Alphin is the president of the National Woman's Missionary Convention and has served well in the three years she has held the office. This Convention has grown faster than any other and has made real advances than either of the other conventions. Her local work in the Kansas City, Mo., church has long marked her as an executive and woman of power and vision.

While in Texas, she was prominent in club work and has spoken in several states. Her wide interests and her vital personality will mean much to those who will be at Conference. She is at her best inassen.

MRS. RETTA M. LOGAN, DEAN OF WOMEN

Miss Goddard is the Young People's Work in the state of Oklahoma. As soon as she learned that there was the prospect of a Conference for the Mid-West region she offered not only to help promote it among the churches of Oklahoma by personal visits and sending her former Conference workers to these churches, but she also offered to take a position on the faculty.

She has had the distinction of building the Conference up in Oklahoma from a point where the faculty exceeded the student body to the place where two conferences have been organized to take care of the work. Such a work as the Conference work has much to offer in this line.

R. M. BALDWIN, INSTRUCTOR

Miss Miss Gray has spent ten years in China. Practically her whole service has been in Wuhan, a city of 150,000, where she has worked among the women and children. Miss Gray is a graduate of Baker University, Kansas, and has had work at Northwestern University. She is a woman of very pleasing personality and uniting enthusiasm. Few women workers on the mission field have given themselves with more abandon to their task than to the native people than has Miss Gray.

She went to the foreign field because she considered the missionary task the most needy field in the world and she has given herself to the work with the same dedication from the beginning. Miss Gray is a strong speaker. Coming from China just a short time ago, she has faced the difficult transition going on in that land, she brings a message which is especially helpful.

On to the Mid-West Young People's Conference

All that can be done in selection of a trained, inspired, worthy faculty has been done. All that could be accomplished in promotional letters both to the church leaders and prospects has been accomplished. All that is required for a suitable place and terms has been done. So
THE LAME WALK

IN THE days of vast turmoil in Jerusalem, with reports and rumors contradicting each other, with confusion and tumult rife, with religious and political factions contending, with slander and hatred apparent, John, from his Herodian prison, returned to John the things that you see and hear. The blind are regaining their sight and the lame can walk, the lepers are being cured and the deaf can hear, the dead are being raised and good news is being preached to the poor."

To refer to some of these cures will bring out two things of note.

1. To the leper who had faith, Jesus said, "I do choose! Be cured!" Matt. 8:33.

2. For the centurion's servant, He said, "Get Your servant healed just as you believed." And the cure was effected while Jesus was yet away from the afflicted one. Matt. 8:13.

3. The Peter's mother-in-law, "He touched her hand and the fever left her." Matt. 8:15.

4. Two blind men received their sight when Jesus "touched their eyes, saying, according to your faith, be it done unto you." Matt. 9:22.

5. The epileptic boy was cured by Jesus "expelling the evil spirit and it came out of him." Matt. 17:18.

6. The man born blind received his sight when Jesus "touched their eyes, saying, according to your faith, be it done unto you." Matt. 9:29.

7. The woman with an issue of blood, "came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His coat." Mark 5:37.

(These references are from the Goodspeed translation.)

THE first point that is astounding in all of these is the cure of all manner of diseases. From palsy to hemorrhages, from leprosy to death, all were subjected to the power of Christ. And the Christian has not lost that power to heal all manner of ills. The native diseases of the mission lands have confounded the witch doctors for generations. Unless the people have developed an immunity there is no possible way of salvation. But the Christian physicians, in the short time they have worked, have practically stamped out some native diseases and are far on the way to conquering all others. Thus the Christian ideal of healing the sick, of the lame walking, was not lost with the death of the Master. Men are yet devoting their lives and energy to the task of curing the ills of men on the physical side.

THE other emphasis can be placed on the so persistent fact that Christ used many methods and modes of procedure to heal those who came unto Him. To some He spoke, others He touched and some were healed by His word while absent, some He placed clay on their injury, some touched Him, and some He spoke to the demon in them and it came out. With all of these ways recorded in healing bodily ills, is it possible to think that Christ had only one way to cure spiritual diseases? Yet there are those who would adopt a formula method and condemn any departure therefrom. Some would decere the form of baptism; some would ritualize the confession; some would call for the experience of remission of sins; some would regulate the method in getting into the organization. All of these would fail to limit Christ to His mode of healing spiritual ills. Ritual has its place but not in healing the human heart. The Disciples are as ironclad in some of their practices as any church. Baptism has come to mean immersion and immersion alone to them. Those that sprinkle are outside of the faith. Yet many have come to our church to take membership. As visiting Christians, they are perfect. As members, they are all wrong. The question is really one of church usages and not one of human conversion.

The main idea of all is to engender tolerance. "For which is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee or Take up thy bed and walk?"
THE DESTINY OF AMERICA

Four hundred and thirty-six years ago the entire western hemisphere was unknown to the civilized world. Was there a divine purpose in this vast continent lying hidden away on the other side of the world so long? At any rate we can now see how it worked out.

When we trace the development of civilization in the eastern continent from the beginning of the time when they began to know God to the discovery of America we can see how it was a struggle with old systems that were wrong. If America had been known from the beginning and had developed along with the civilization of the East, it would have been far more difficult to work out anything. But America lay hidden until such time as a very considerable element of Europe began to see the hope of better things and then it was discovered.

It Became a Spillway for Reformers

Soon after America was discovered, the reformers of Europe who had about despaired of winning out against the old systems began to migrate to the new continent. The Puritans and Quakers of England, the Conveners of Scotland, the Huguenots of France, the Mennonites and Dunkers of Holland, all came to America as the very cream of advanced thought. England later made the mistake of trying to hold the lid down on them with iron bands, but it failed and America became free.

All Nations Came Here

It was manifest from the beginning that no one race or nation could preempt America. Every nationality of Europe came and then a conspiracy of fate sent the African slaves here and now they are about twelve per cent of the population. Later came the people of the Far East, the Chinese, the Japanese and the Hindus. And now economical conditions have forced us to put a ban on further immigration. This means that the element of our population that has the most virtue will rapidly increase in proportion to its virtue. The Hebrews in Egypt increased nearly a hundred times faster than the Egyptians and greatly alarmed them. A very considerable element of our well-to-do white people have gone off into the vagaries of birth control and trial and experimental marriages and this will rapidly eliminate these people from further influence in the life of the nation. Many of our Negro population that has gone to the cities is fast eliminating itself also. The future of America belongs to the virtuous, modest, simple living and purposeful elements of our people, be they white, yellow, brown or black.

The Future Measured by the Present Problems

Whenever an issue of right has advanced to the point where it begins to "stew" it is not far from a settlement. It was this was what Jesus had in mind when he said to his disciples, "Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you."

As a rule we pont and complain and grow discouraged when such difficulties come up, but Jesus wanted us to know that our only hope is in overcoming evils and that when they get into a "stew" we may know that the evils are being overcome. When the "stew" over slavery came the Civil War and Emancipation were not far off. When the liquor traffic began to "imagine vain things" a clean America was not far off.

When the American constitution was made they enunciated the great principle that all authority of government was to be lodged in the people. But before they got through they resorted to the cunning device of assuming that some persons were not people and so they recognized slavery. But it could not live and thrive always in a republic like ours and so slavery was abolished. Now the question of franchise is up, and it too will be settled right. One reason why it is slow in settlement is that the franchise is in a very considerable element of our population that has the most virtue will rapidly increase in proportion to its virtue. The Hebrews in Egypt increased nearly a hundred times faster than the Egyptians and greatly alarmed them. A very considerable element of our well-to-do white people have gone off into the vagaries of birth control and trial and experimental marriages and this will rapidly eliminate these people from further influence in the life of the

What Interracial Work Can Do

Orlando Interracial Committee Renders Valuable Service, Says Leading Daily

The Orlando Star, leading daily paper of this city, comments as follows on the work of the local Interracial Committee, appointed two years ago by the Chamber of Commerce:

"Few people in Orlando realize the good work being done by the interracial committee of this city... A committee of representative white citizens has been working in conjunction with a committee of representative colored citizens for the betterment of the conditions of the colored people and the consequent betterment of the entire community. That section of the city occupied by the colored population has been made more sanitary, the streets are better lighted, the homes are more attractive and the business houses in that section are up to higher standards by reason of this cooperation between the two races. One time when the liquor traffic was making contributions to the flood of suffering, the colored people of this city made a magnificent contribution of their blood, money and clothing to the people of their race in the flood districts."

A Square Deal is Tennessee's School Creed

"Equal Opportunities for Every Child", says State Education Department

The State Department of Education, headed by Hon. Perry L. Harwood, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has adopted the following as Tennessee's educational creed and is giving it wide circulation throughout the state in the form of attractive bannermodes:

WE BELIEVE That every child is a future citizen of the state, asset or liability.

WE BELIEVE That it is the obligation of the state to see that every child has equal educational opportunities.

WE BELIEVE That every child has the right:

To succeed in school.

To attend school the same number of days as every other child.

To be instructed by a trained teacher.

To go to school in a building free from fire hazard.

To succeed in school.

WE BELIEVE That every child has the right to attend a school that is located in a healthful environment, that is scientifically built and equipped and kept sanitary;

To be transported to school if travel distance is too great;

To attend school in a building that is located in a healthful environment, that is scientifically built and equipped and kept sanitary;

To succeed in school.

WE BELIEVE That every child has the right to attend a school;

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Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS, EDITOR

RETRENCH

Many hearts are sore last summer, when the word went out of the retrenchment that was necessary in all departments of our united work. Missioneries held at home, orders were canceled, work closed, children refused entrance to schools and the sick to hospitals—all after the final receipts in June had shown that they would not justify carrying out the regular plans for the fields. Were receipts less? No, indeed! Receipts have increased steadily and those last year were the largest in our history. But we have a healthy live work on every field, and this has meant normal growth. The growth on the mission field has been greater than the growth in giving of our people. Did you pray for the Lord to bless our work last year? Well, He did! That blessing came in increased opportunities, but because of our unwillingness here at home to meet the cost, the word had to go out—Do not grow! Do not increase! Cut your work! We are now at the end of another year. What about your aims? Are you reaching them? If you do not collect all your pledges; if you do not reach that aim which was sent to you from your state office and from the United Society; if you do not make your own personal offering adequate—it will mean further retrenchment!

ELECTIONS

This is election month, and next year's work will be in your charge as officers. Are you holding those who have been in office for years? Do you not think it wise after one has served three years, to have a change? Not to depend too much on one or two? To train new people, thus having a whole organization of capable members rather than the few? To get out of the rut which continued office-holding brings?

Are those you are choosing optimistic? Will they take the suggestions of new plans and higher aims for the Pentecostal Program as work that can be accomplished? Are they the hopeful, courageous type? We need leaders largely on your choice, but above all we need those who love their work on every field, and this has meant normal growth. The growth on the mission field has been greater than the growth in giving of our people. Did you pray for the Lord to bless our work last year? Well, He did! That blessing came in increased opportunities, but because of our unwillingness here at home to meet the cost, the word had to go out—Do not grow! Do not increase! Cut your work! We are now at the end of another year. What about your aims? Are you reaching them? If you do not collect all your pledges; if you do not reach that aim which was sent to you from your state office and from the United Society; if you do not make your own personal offering adequate—it will mean further retrenchment!

NATIONAL GOAL

THE National Aim of the W. M. S. for this year is $5,600.00.

Every W. M. S. will want to reach this quota and its own apportionment. Every church where there is a woman should make a gift to represent the women.

The third Sunday in June is Pew Rally Day for the W. M. S. Let every church observe it.

Wherever it is practical the women may to an advantage serve dinner at the church with tickets sold before hand or the dinner widely advertised. After the dinner may follow the meeting of the Society and the special service. The financial aim of the Rally should be no less than the remaining amount needed to finish the entire apportionment.

Lord and His work so completely that they will have the courage and the faith to undertake great tasks for Him. The work in every mission field will be affected by your choice of officers. Choose right!

PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Program Year Books for next year will be ready for your June executive committee meeting. Those should be ordered early enough to insure their delivery in time. They will contain the Programs and program suggestions as usual and in addition the service emphasis formerly covered in the program of work. This will give in one booklet the most essential points to hold before the membership program and service. Programs will be based on the survey of the fields and will cover all work of the United Christian Missionary Society. Programs for this year will be arranged for the different organizations, Women's

Missionary Programs, 1928-1929

Woman's Society

Theme, From Survey to Service.

The Lord giveth the word: the women that publish the tidings are a great host.

July: The Love of Christ Constrains Us.

August: After Fifty Years.

September: A United Task.

October: The Church, Minister, Main-tenance, Building.

November: Early Americans.

December: Later Americans.

January: Japan, Philippines and West Indies.

February: Latin America.

March: Forty-five Years in India.

April: Africa in One Generation.

May: China—Tibet.

June: Purpose and Performance.

Young Matrons

Theme, The Gates of the Nation

Life up your heads, ye gates, you lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory will come in.

July: "That the King of Glory May Come In."

August: What is Beyond?

September: 6 in 1.

October: Seek America First.

November: Color Harmony.

December: A New America.

January: The Isles Await.

February: Widening Gates of the West.

March: Widening Gates of the East.

April: Ethiopia Shall Stretch Out Her Hands Unto God.

May: Through the Moongate.

June: Conquer the Earth for Your King.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
SYSTEM IN CONVENTIONS

The Missionary Year is from July 1 to June 30. Work is planned. Workers employed. Budgets made to finance the work. Individuals to supervise the work are appointed. All this is done finally by the National Convention which meets early in the Missionary Year. The report of work and activities is to June 30, not Sept. 1. By this plan the work is retarded. Two months of the Missionary Year is passed before the plans, budgets and apportionments are passed on by the National Convention. At best one fourth if not one third of the year is passed before the plans and apportionments reach the pastors and churches. This then comes in late fall or winter which is not a good time for missionary offerings in most of the churches. So often in the rural churches especially, they only have four or five months of the year for real action on the national program before the year closes.

The present plan makes confusion in book-keeping at headquarters. Often the reports sent from headquarters are not understood because they are made according to the missionary year rather than the conventional year.

The last of August is the time of the ending of the "summer slump," with pastors and teachers vacations ending, preparation for the opening of school and in the rural sections of the department, the period for revivals. I believe that we should think through this matter together and see if some way cannot be devised to better systemize our work of the missionary year and of the conventional year. These two should prove an asset and inspiration for each other in cooperative work.

STATE CONVENTIONS

The state conventions are supposed to represent in the National Convention. So prepare to send delegates and to appoint or elect your member of the Recommendations Committee. Send a state enrollment fee of $5.00 for each church in the state.

STATE CONVENTION DATES

Tennessee—July 11-12, Rogersville.
Mississippi—Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Tullahoma.
Arkansas—Sept. 6-7, Little Rock.
Indiana—Oct. 20-21, Indianapolis.
Missouri—Oct. 22-23, Springfield.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

APRIL 8 which was Easter, our pastor preached a wonderful sermon. The Bible school on that day was good but due to the inclement weather the Easter program scheduled for the evening was not given.

April 15th Bible school and services were good all day. The text was found Matt. 16:13. The church of Christ was compared to the corn plant—1. the blade, 2. the corn, 3. the full corn in the ear. This was illustrated down through the third dispensation. That evening we were able to have our Easter program which was witnessed by several visitors. It was exceedingly good, conducted by Mrs. L. Q. Hardle and Mrs. D. A. Dallas. Amount raised for ministerial relief was $10.30.

April 22 Bible school and service were again good and attended by several visitors. Sermon text and subject were Gal. 5:“Blighty Living.” And the evening discourse was on Job 13:1-“Forgery Against Divine Justice.” Our pastor made an present feel. The apostles did on the day of Pentecost.

We have an efficient Bible class taught by the pastor, which is growing. We enjoy the way he leads us to the Bible to us. I have been appointed Christian Plea secretary and reporter and I shall do my best to get the paper into every home of the church and the home of as many visitors as possible.

NATIONAL CONVENTION—August 27-Sept. 2, Chicago. The states of Arkansas, Kansas, Maryland, D. C. District, Ohio, Illinois, Oklahoma and Piedmont District have not been bound from to date. Four of the state conventions meet after the National Convention. It would be a better system for cooperation among the brethren in these states would agree to have the convention in that state before the National Convention, and while I know that this is not an easy matter to do, all of the time, we are sure that with a little consideration all can see the importance and necessity for such a change for the constructive system. For a constructive cooperation and uniformity, there must be self-denial, tolerance and sacrifice on the part of all. We have a great and glorious task and it is worth all that it will cost us.

APPORTIONMENTS

During the year we have received many replies to letter and statements saying, "We cannot now but we shall before the books close June 30, pay up." In most of these the letters were from the city churches. Therefore the reports from the churches for the first Sunday in May and during the month of May, and June ought to be good. All churches and departments are far from the National goal and as a result the work has suffered greatly. It is hoped that the reports in these two months will greatly reduce the deficit made in trying to keep the work up.

We must remember that the remaining time sincerely do our best, reporting promptly before the books close. We want to show that the work is not going back and that we should take up all of our National Apportionments and come to Chicago able to read "Our title's clear" in loyalty to the cause and to the brotherhood.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. D. A. DALLAS

Activities of the Month of April at the Second St. Church

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Tennessee—July 11-12, Rogersville.
Kentucky—July 18-22, Georgetown, Kentucky.
Missouri—Aug. 6-12, Kansas City.
Mississippi—Aug. 12-19, Jackson, Miss.
South Carolina—Sept. 9-10, Woodville, Miss.
Alabama—Oct. 24-25, Birmingham.

SCOTTS, ARKANSAS

Oak Grove
REPORTER—PROF. J. D. HILL

This comes to tell of our Easter program which was conducted by Miss A. L. Moore and that was enjoyed by all.

The program embodied readings, Bible references and vocal music, all very fitting for the day. Offering—$83.37.

At the eve of the program, Miss Cora Armstrong of Oak Grove and Mr. G. M. Thomas of Pearidge, were married. The ceremony was read by the pastor, Eld. William Martin.

On April 15th we had with us Eld. G. B. Hervey and Eld. W. T. York. Eld. Hervey gave us an address on the improvement of the Bible School which was very instructive. Eld. York remained over the week-end and preached four impressive sermons. We are always pleased to have such men in our midst.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Two great services at the Forrest St. Christian Church, Sunday, April 22. Eld. T. J. Green preached two able sermons. In the morning the discourse was from Phil. 4:13, "Doing all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," and in the evening it was from Luke 10 and John 3: "Who is my Neighbor?"

The offering for the day was $76.30. Eld. Green has been with us for about a month. He is a great preacher and revivalist who should be needed.

MT. STERLING, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. L. D. MAGOWAN

We are getting along nicely in all departments of our church.

Eld. Brown, our pastor, has not been so well since he returned from a visit to Springfield, Mo., where he was with his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hunter.

We have had four deaths since our last writing.

Mrs. Bibe, quite an aged lady, was found dead in her bed.

Mr. Patrick Henry, a young man, joined the church about four years ago and was a faithful member until affliction came upon him.

Mrs. Joseph Lockridge passed away in the full triumph of the faith.

Mrs. Phoebe Marshall, eighty-six years old, passed away after a short illness. She had been in the Cause of Christ for sixty years.

We had a very splendid Easter program and raised $21.80. Our Easter sunrise prayer meeting was enjoyed by the women in attendance.

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LOUISVILLE, THIRD
Pastor—Eld. F. T. Floyd
Clerk—A. D. Cooper
Reporter—Isba Hairsten

The month of March has been a banner one, full of thrilling experiences and radiant sunshine. The clubs have concentrated their efforts in a hopeful campaign to bring about a material as well as a spiritual climax that will be worth while. Centering their attention on their goal of "One Thousand Dollars by Third Sunday in May" the clubs have worked. "Star of Bethlehem" is in front line trenches, "Silver Leaf" in flank guard, "Red Rose" in rear guard and second line trenches and with "Rose of Sharon" reconnoitering and sharp-shooting. Our pastor-commander-in-chief is at the look-out post, preaching every Sunday.

At the services, April 1, he preached from the subject, "I Want to See Jesus" with eloquence and divine fervor and the entire congregation was exalted. He concluded with an admonition to the clubs to keep the Banner of Christ in front to crown their efforts with success.

On the third Sunday in May, the Christian Endeavor which has been inactive for a number of years was revived and reorganized by the Superintendent of the Bible School at 8:00. The superintendent was elected president; Mrs. Julia Ramsey, Vice-President; Miss Odell Thomas of Louisville High School, Secretary and Mr. T. S. Dodd, Treasurer.

Eld. Floyd and wife are enjoying club work. On April 27, they presented a playlet, "The Church Fight," a comedy full of wit and humor of the side-splitting, seat-shaking variety.

A church in action will grow and we are favored with additions right along.

The Missionary Society, Miss E. M. Beelorn, President, is extending a helping hand in club activity. "Who's Who at Louisville Third?" Ask the Stars of Bethlehem.

Decision Day Sunday, April 8th, the morning services were well attended and a large and appreciative audience heard Eld. Floyd's timely message laying great stress on immortality of the soul.

The collection was above the average.

Eleven decided for Christ in the Bible School.

CONVENTIONS
State and National Meet Soon
Be Represented.

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BETWEEN TWO HILLS
REPORTER—Eld. D. W. BRADLEY,
ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

For fear that the readers of the Christian Plea may think we are lost or that we might be somewhere in Dreamland, I shall let you hear from us. I am glad to say that we are still "on the map" and trying to "keep the home fires burning."

Eld. R. F. Hayes, pastor of the Vine St. Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has been here with us engaged in a ten-day meeting and while we had no additions I feel that the church was much revived and that each one of us received great inspiration. Eld. Hayes is a gospel preacher and he knows how to deliver it in an intelligent manner. I am sure that the church he pastors will do a great work if they follow his leadership.

We were very much disappointed in February in not having the anticipated visit of the editor of the Christian Plea with us since we had planned a party for the twentysecond for his benefit. He failed to come preferring the "eats" of Johnstown City. I see to assure him and all others that this church always cares for its visitors.

On Sunday April 8th, I was invited to Tazennell, Tenn., to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon for the Rosenwald Consolidated School. I went and had a fine time and they said the sermon was O. K. Prof. J. O. Mitchell, a young man of our church, is the principal. He is doing a fine piece of work. He has been re-elected for the coming year with an increase in salary.

I do hope that the Bible School is doing its bit to raise the National apportionment. Don't forget to send it to the U. C. M. S., for they are engaged in a wonderful work.

Strive to make a full report at the State Convention in July when we meet in Rogersville.

HOLLAND, TEXAS

The church at this place was invited to be the guests of the Murphy St. Christian Church, Taylor, Texas, on Sunday, March 25. A number of the citizens of Holland motored over to Taylor for the occasion.

The program had been arranged by Mrs. Maude Davis the pastor of the Holland Church. It was enjoyed by all. Eld. P. F. Jackson, pastor of the A. M. E. Church preached an inspiring sermon. A solo was rendered by Miss Annie Ferguson. Music was furnished by Miss Orra Garrett of Granger, Tex., and an instrumental solo by Miss Marie Hendricks of Chicago, Ill.

The offering of $12.50 was donated to the Holland Church toward their new church building.

FRANKFORD, MISSOURI
REPORTER—Miss Pauline Offord,
SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Easter week of Prayer was observed by the church under the supervision of the W. M. S. Much interest was manifested and much good accomplished. Mrs. Bertha Toney is president and Mrs. Cammie Doolin, secretary.

The remodeling of our church building is completed and we are again having services in the same. Our Easter service and program were well attended by both persons in our immediate locality and visitors from New London and Gurrrysville. Much credit is due the Supt. of the Bible School, the organist and our public school teacher who had charge of the direction of the program.

Our State Field Secretary of the W. M. S., Mrs. Cammie Doolin made an official visit to New London, Mo. March 29.

Eld. P. A. Gray of Fulton, Mo., our state evangelist, addressed the church and held a conference with the state officers of this church on Monday, April 9, Eld. Gray is a big man with a big job and his program of work will mean much in winning souls for Christ. "Go, ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mrs. Emma Toney is at home worshiping again with this church after ten months in Kansas City where she worshipped with the Woodland Ave. Church.

Attend all the auxiliaries of your church. They need you and miss you when you are away.

LOUISVILLE, THIRD
HANCOCK-HILL ST. CHURCH
Eld. T. B. Frost, Pastor

The Hancock St. Christian Church has bought and moved to 913 W. Hill St. We now carry the name Hancock-Hill St. Church. And we want to say to the brotherhood that we are planning great things for the Lord. Our work is moving along nicely and we ask the prayers of the brotherhood for success.

All the departments of the church are working well. Miss Fannie Harris gave an entertainment on March 24 for the church which was a success. Mrs. Beulah Hooker gave a fish supper on March 31.

Prayer services were held at Mrs. J. H. Thomas on Ormsby Ave., April 2, and at Mrs. Winklefield's on Jacob St., April 4, leading up to the Easter Sunday.

The Hancock-Hill St. Christian Church will have its formal opening and rally day on April 13, with dinner served at the church in the new dining room. A full program is expected of representatives of both the colored and white churches of the city.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
HE Twelfth St. Christian Church has done more in the past twelve months under the leadership of our efficient pastor, G. W. Taylor, than it has done in any one year since the church has been established. We celebrated the pastor’s first anniversary in March with an appropriate service. Other churches of the city responded readily to the call for a united effort.

Eld. Taylor has added twenty-eight members in this period and fifteen of these are regular attendants.

The Bible School and Y. P. S. C. E. as well as the W. M. S. are doing splendid work. We are gradually paying our budget claims as we think the churches everywhere ought to do.

Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs filled our hearts brimful of new inspiration when she was with us. We have taken new courage and the church must help support so noble a cause as Mrs. Grubbs. She is truly carrying the message of Christ and we should build up the work in order that we might have more whole-hearted workers on the field.

We have just completed our Easter Drive with all departments of the church assisting and the Bible School leading with an offering for the aged ministers who are heroes now suffering offtimes.

Expect to hear from the Twelfth St. Church and all of its departments.

TO ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS

of
The Southern Christian Institute

Dear Fellow-students:

We, the members of the S. C. I. Club of Chicago, Ill., feel that the Alumni and former students of the S. C. I. should do something constructive to help our Alma Mater directly.

We find that one of their greatest needs is for a concert piano. Wouldn't it be fine to see or hear that a nice grand piano was on the stage in the chapel of the new building?

Now we are asking that each Alumni, former student and friend will send as much as possible for this cause. We want everyone to share in this. Any amount will be accepted. We will appreciate any suggestions.

Send all remittances to
Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Prov. of Chicago S. C. I. Club.
4550 Michigan Ave. Chicago, Ill.

CHICKASHA, OKLA.

REPORTER—MRS. ESTELLE FULLER

Having lately been appointed reporter for our congregation, I take this method of letting you know by sending in this report of our church work.

The work here has been somewhat slack here for the past four months, since we have had no pastor. But we have been doing our best under the circumstances and I am glad to say that we are yet alive and hoping for better things.

We have called a pastor in the person of Eld. G. W. Scott of Beaumont, Texas, who we feel is able to lead us on to success.

We were favored with a visit on March 16 from our National Field Secretary of the W. M. S. in the person of Mrs. Rosu B. Grubbs who as usual, brought us a wonderful message which was much enjoyed by the church in addition to inspiring us to greater service. We were also inspired by a visit from Eld. S. S. Myers of Oklahoma City on March 14, who spurred us on. We are thankful that the outlook seems bright and we are asking the prayers of the brotherhood for our success.

We shall let you hear from us again.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

The Murphy St. Christian Church was very artistically decorated for the Easter services. Green and white was the color scheme, Easter lilies, posies, cut flowers and potted plants made a beautiful scene.

The Bible School enjoyed a program rendered by the little folk with a special solo by Miss Dolores Hall—"Thank God for a Garden" to close the program.

The Christian Endeavor program bade fair to be the best ever given by the Society but it was handicapped by the rain and inclement weather. Master Charles Hughes, who is not twelve years of age, was planning to tell the story of Jesus in his own way. Charles is aspiring for the ministry and he is a wonderful little boy who can sing well, pray better than some of the men who have been in the church for ages. We all regret that we did not have the privilege to hear Charles but we hope to have the opportunity real soon.

On April 27, a Night of Fun and Feast of the Seasons was given at the Murphy St. Church sponsored by Mrs. Maude Davis to raise money for the painting of the church building.

CENTENNIAL CHURCH

St. Louis, Mo., put on a Poor Rally, May 15 under the W. M. S. The Rev. Mr. C. Yochem of the United Society was the speaker. Over $55.00 was realized.

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EASTER week was a great week at the Langley Avenue Church. The W. M. S., Mrs. E. Crawford, president, observed the Easter Week of Prayer. On Good Friday evening the choir under Mrs. Lanier rendered a very beautiful cantata entitled, "Jesus Lives." Mrs. Lanier exemplified her years of experience in the training of the church choir in a masterly way on this occasion. All present enjoyed the program.

On Easter morning the women of the Oakwood Boulevard and Langley Avenue W. M. Societies met in a joint Sunrise prayer meeting at 6:00. Mrs. LaTouche was the leader. The program that was used was the one outlined by Mr. Bader in the Christian Plea. It was carried out very successfully. A deal of enthusiasm was shown in this service by these consecrated women; they really fed the hungry and thirsty souls present with the spiritual food.

At 10:00 the Bible School met and gave a touching program. Superintendent Perry and his teachers did not fail to thoroughly train the pupils for this occasion. The invitation was extended by the pastor and ten young people came forward, nine to make the good confession and one by letter.

At 11:30 the regular services started with a full house. The music was inspiring. The pastor used for his theme Luke 34:41, "Easter Doubt," This was another glorious meeting throughout.

We closed the week's program with selections and an offering of $65.00 in offerings with wonderful inspiration gained from the service of the Risen Lord. We plan to go forward in this spirit. Pray for us that we fail not.

NEW LONDON, MO.
PASTOR—ELD. E. K. BURTON

SUNDAY, April 15, was a full day for Pastor Eld. E. K. Burton. The services started with the Bible School on time and with a large group of pupils.

Church services began promptly at 11:00 o'clock. The sermon on "Division" was preached: 1. A Divided Home; 2. A Divided Church; 3. A Divided Kingdom. Eld. Burton was at his best.

In the afternoon he preached the funeral sermon over one of our sisters who lived in Hannibal. She had written home just three days before her demise saying, "Mother, I shall be home Sunday," and the subject of the sermon was "How far are we from home?"

Endeavor meeting was held at the

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LYONS, TEXAS
REPORTER—F. H. MOORE, ST. JAMES

On Wednesday evening, March 28, we were thrown into sadness through the death of our much loved sister, Virginia Washington, who was the last female pioneer of this community.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Center Line Cemetery, March 29, after the funeral services conducted by father William Green assisted by his son Eld. R. W. Green. Father Green's text was from 2 Cor. 5:1. He was barely able to speak above a whisper on account of his advanced age and feeble health but he was ably assisted by his son.

Sister Washington's age is not known exactly but it is thought she was about four score. She joined St. James when it was organized forty-one years ago.

One sister, one brother, seven children, thirty-three grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends mourn her home-going.

As she often expressed it on other occasions:

1. A loved one from us has gone.

2. A voice we love is still.

3. A space is vacant in our midst

That only she can fill.

TO THE BIBLE SCHOOLS
SCHOOLS SENDING IN THE MONEY ON THE FUND FOR THE DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO THE WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL CONVENTION.

IN 1927.

Nov. 26—Frankfort, Mo. $1.00
Nov. 26—Paris, Texas 1.00
Nov. 26—Sallisburg, Mo. 1.00
Nov. 26—Springfield, Mo. 1.00
Dec. 1—Chickasaw, Okla. 1.00
Dec. 1—Mt. Sterling, Ky. 1.00
Dec. 1—Dayton, Ohio 1.00
Dec. 1—Glenfawn, Texas 1.00
Dec. 1—J. O. G. Hawkins 1.00
Dec. 1—Greenville, Texas 2.00
Dec. 1—Greeneville, Tenn. 1.00
Dec. 1—Mt. Ararat, Ark. 1.00
Dec. 1—Tyler, Texas 1.00
Dec. 1—Little Rock, Ark. 1.00

IN 1928.

Jan. 16—Louisville, Hancock $1.00
Jan. 24—Cincinnati, Kenyon Ave. 1.00
Apr. 17—Huntsville, Ky. 1.00
Apr. 17—Mt. Middletown, Ky. 1.00
Apr. 17—Winchester, Ky. 1.00
Apr. 17—Fairview, Ky. 1.00
Apr. 17—Little Rock, Ky. 1.00
Apr. 17—Cape May, N. J. 1.00

PAID AT THE CONVENTION IN
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Hagerstown, Md. $1.00
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Tri-State District 1.00
Greeley Laughter Ave. 1.00
Baltimore, Md. 1.00
Roanoke, Va. 1.00
Chicago, Oakwood Blvd. 1.00
Kansas City, Kan. 1.00

Total $522.00

Dear Workers:

Only one month remains until the World Bible School Congress opens in Los Angeles, Calif. We have not raised half of the necessary $600.00 to make this trip possible. Each school in the brotherhood is asked for at least $1.00 to help defray the expenses.

Make the money order out payable to Prof. T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Texas, and send to—

Mrs. Hattie Tyree
4817 Indiana Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.
From the Banks of Old Kentucky

Eld. C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky.

"I write unto you, young men, because."

Then as now, young people received the message to the cross-roads and the cross-roads of condemnation as well. Then as now, many had lost the bloom and in the sere and barren atmosphere of life, were worn, patient, nerves and ill at ease when some real boy or girl broke through some conventional lines, heaped with supposed sacrifices.

Young people as well as older ones (and it's difficult to distinguish them now) present an interesting study which will show at least that one, for many depends on the angle from which we approach it. Without thoughtful research, the young people of today are often "Found Wanting" when compared with the yester-year; which raises the question, "Are the young folk of today better or worse than those of fifty years ago?" Most people say they are worse, but in this I do not agree.

One generation is uncovered in the next.

That is their deeds mature. If many of the present calamity-howlers were not so forgetful and even blind they could remember their own famous vehicles perhaps, but none the less vile, which would compare favorably with some present day misdeemers.

The greatno attention here is made to justify meannesses, but 'kettles should be the last to call the pot black.'

If the same temper that should not be upon comparisons of people under different environments. Hence the further and saner question is "Are our young people what they should be? In the light of today's opportunities?" Judged according to what one has, not according to what he has not.

Here comes room for improvement, and the major part of that lies in the grown-ups. Did you ever stop to think that most of the habits and customs charged against our young people are ARRANGED by older people? Who makes the decks and the dice? Who builds and runs the infamous halls? Who deceives the fashions and styles? Who "spares the rod and spoils the child"? Who has no locks but the "hounds and dime novels"? Who has no devotion, meditation or prayers? Who loves (selfishly) until all correction runs up and down the bank while the ducklings stand on their heads in the water; this is too easily taught.

But let us be careful when condoning the muddy stream to chase the bog out of the spring.

"I write unto you, young men, because."

ARE WE LOSING OUR OBJECTIVES?

I HaveGuarded the Faith—2 Tim. 4:4.

SIGNIFICANT, expressive and marvelous meaningful is this triumphant note sounded in the sight of death by the giant hero of the Cross of Christ who boasted that in nothing else would he glory, but that he had kept his word and he met his Lord at his milestone he had "wabbled" but true to his single objective as the needle is to the thread. This one thing.

The record shows that such sin indomitable courage and conviction actuated the movers of this current reformation.

Our young men are strong-hearted. They have a burning message, without which they thought the world was lost. It was unlike any other. They throw all forms of privilege, but they pressed on and planted the banner on the ramparts of many a fort.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Special Agencies in June


THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

The fourth week in April, from April 22-28, was chosen as Better Homes Week for the entire United States. Throughout the United States, during this week, special attention was given to measures that will increase the attractiveness and efficiency of American homes. Men's and women's clubs, civic organizations, and Better Homes chairmen are giving demonstrations in home construction and furnishing; ministers are preaching sermons on various aspects of better home life; schools are preparing programs related to better homes; and everywhere people interested in the progress of our country are seeking to inspire the youth of our land with respect and affection for home life.

The conditions under which people dwell have an important influence upon their health, efficiency, character, and welfare. Children especially are deeply influenced by attractive, helpful and inspiring surroundings. The United States is still occupying space. Instead of backbone we have spleen, and by the planting of inexpensive shrubs and flowers; and wherever new homes are being built to encourage the construction of well-built, modest, attractive ones.

The movement seeks to encourage the intellectual and social side of home life and to stimulate character training in the home.

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TO DELEGATES OF
Twelve National Convention
Addressed Sept. 2, 1928

As representatives of the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, we are authorized to inform your church that the Oakwood Boulevard Church has endorsed the Twelve National Convention of The Disciples of Christ. The same will convene with the Oakwood Boulevard Church August 27th and September 2nd.

We extend a hearty welcome to delegates and congregations from your section of the country to come to our delightful city of culture and industry, the great Cosmopolitan City of conventions, Capital of the Middle West, and City of Freedom. We know that you will make an appreciative attending to attend the National Convention.

The National Workers are putting every effort forth to secure the largest delegation in the history of the church. For the success of this cause, we want to cooperate with you in regard to transportation. By doing so, we ask you to secure as large a number of delegates and friends as you can. If 250 persons are secured, the rates will be one and one-half fare. If 300 are secured, the rates are one and one-third fare. If 350, a rate of one fare for the round trip can be obtained.

We desire an early reply so that we may arrange ample accommodations for all delegates and friends that attend the National Convention.

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CHURCH NEWS FROM MISSISSIPPI

The Nine Square Rally at Fayette resulted in raising $219.00.

The pre-Easter meeting at Lorman was good. None were added to the church, but it was not because they did not hear the gospel, but because they did not believe the gospel and obey the Lord's commands.

 Elders 8. L. Watts and Davis preached the gospel without mixture.

The weather prevented the Forest Grove congregation from having their pre-Easter meeting.

Elder Johnnie Miller is serving the Antioch church.

The church building at Fayette is indeed a beautiful building. The small congregation has worked very faithfully to complete it.

The Mound Bayou church held a week's meeting after Easter Sunday. They had a big rally April 23rd. They are planning on having a nice church building.

The State Convention will be held at Mound Bayou Aug. 15-17, 19. We are in hopes the churches and preachers will report many souls added.

Miss Mary Etta Wells visited Miss Willie Jackson. She was present at the social party given by the Pine Grove 7th and 8th grade students.

Mr. John Martin is recovering from his spell of sickness.

Eld. Davis preached a soul-stirring sermon at Lorman Tuesday night, April 3rd. He and wife and Rev. Gilbert accompanied him.

Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va.

REPORTER—PROF. J. D. HILL

I THINK we hardly need to speak of the health of our school as all who are acquainted with this section of the country know it is one of the healthiest spots in the world. We have comparatively no sickness here at all.

While our enrollment is not extremely large we have had good attendance and punctuality throughout this session.

We are now beginning to arrange things for our closing, May 30-June 4. Our athletics, under Profs. Spaulding and Alphin have done well. The baseball and basketball teams have won half the games that were contested, and the baseball team is fourths winner to date. We have not had any football this session.

Our work in oratory and expression was demonstrated April 6th in a strong play "The Girl Who Forgot." The players showed splendid ability and excellent training.

Our last term examinations showed decided improvement in all the departments and excellent efforts on the part of the majority of the pupils.

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THE CHURCH BIBLE SCHOOL

An address delivered at the First District Meeting of Missouri by the President.

Mrs. Anna Willis, Kansas City, Mo.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that need not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."—2 Tim. 2:15.

Paul in writing to Timothy, one he loved as a son, advised him to study that he might be able to do the will of God. The last and greatest commandment of Jesus to His disciples was to love one another. "GO and teach" and although that commandment was given over two thousand years ago, it is as binding today as it was then.

Where there be soldiers for Jesus without preparation. Does Uncle Sam take untrained men out to battle for this country? No, they must be trained. To accomplish this the governmental military schools are established and a limited amount of training is carried on in the high schools throughout the nation. So day by day, through study and drill, the youth of the land are trained for service on the battlefield and when the hour comes for battle a trained army faces the enemy.

Will a true American boy or girl let the American flag touch the ground? No! Why not? They have been taught from infancy to respect the flag if it costs their life to do it. Are we as loyal to God in whom we live, move and have our being? My answer is, "Yes!" We have a regular training camp but it has been sadly neglected.

We have our Bible schools, our leadership training schools and classes, our adult classes. Have we any excuse for not being prepared?

We are so glad to have our field workers from the Home and national headquarters and people everywhere that our religion is a teachable or rather the religion of Jesus Christ is a teachable religion. We cannot serve God with our feelings; and we cannot serve our country to come to our delightful city of culture and industry, the great Cosmopolitan City of conventions, Capital of the Middle West, and City of Freedom. We know that you will make an appreciative attending to attend the National Convention.

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"THE MEANING OF CHILDREN'S DAY TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD"

"The World Moves Forward On The Feet Of Little Children".

COMING forth out of an ardent desire to proclaim the gospel everywhere has grown a long continuous effort to reach the generation of children with the story of Jesus.

If we should survey the numerous mission fields and note the conditions existing there we would ask ourselves the question: "What does the Children's Day mean to the children in America and to the children of other lands?"

We do want the boys and girls to know what their offering will mean to the children of the world. Let us glance at the oriental children of the world, and observe what a Children's Day would mean to them.

China and neighboring countries are constantly waging in warfare, robbing and destruction of buildings. Through these hard and cruel hands and women are killed, thus leaving thousands of children starving, diseased, homeless and clothedless.

A Children's Day would mean to these unfortunate children several new comfortable orphanages where they would be fed nourishing food, given warm clothing with which to sleep during the nights and days when they are sick. What a glorious service will be giving to these children whose hearts will be able to grow brightened because of Children's Day.

We hear the same cry coming from the children of Africa and other countries. It will mean that teachers and evangelists will be sent to tell them the story of Jesus. It will aid in building and sustaining boarding schools, and the printing of books and papers from which the boys and girls can learn to read the stories about the Man of Galilee as we read them.

We mean that churches and Bible schools can be built at every mission station so that the children in other parts of the world can gather on Sunday morning and sing with happy hearts as we sing, "Jesus Loves Me This I Know."

The time is fast approaching when Children's Day will be observed. Let us combine our plans for the observance of this day. This day is observed by more churches than any other day, giving evidence of the being made on this day than on any other day toward promoting World-Wide Missions. Let every Negro Church throughout the brotherhood endeavor to make their offering the largest of the entire year.

Let every superintendent personally ask all the wide pupils and Church members this question: "How Big Is Your Heart?" You will find that some hearts contain only self, others will include both self and others, while still others will have the true Christian heart which should be as large as the Master's and include the whole world.

Those who do not have the true big hearts try expanding them on Children's Day and give with the rest of the World for World-Wide Missions. For this year we urge every school to take the offering and make it as big as possible. Collect all the money at once and close a successful year.

Bessie E. Chandler, Elementary Sup't.

New London, Mo. (Continued from page 9)

usual hour followed by the evening service in which the pastor preached on the subject, "The Rejected Stone," Acts 4:11. He made it very plain that the sinner was rejecting Christ. May the Lord be loving and kind to all of us.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Laughs, Grins and Giggles

It Suits Him Nevertheless

"A moth leads an awful life!"

"How so?"

"He spends the summer in a fur coat and the winter in bathing suit."

"The Boys' Monthly."

A Discovery of Uncertain Merit

A local man has discovered a method of getting to work early each morning. He has made arrangements with his daughter to call him when she comes in. — (Olds. Record.)

Where the Chef Comes In

Margorie—"Isn't it odd that a good chef gets more pay than a college professor?"

Ted—"Why wouldn't he? A lot more people take his courses."—Western Christian Advocate.

Carried Without a Second

Recently there was a distinct earthquake shock which disturbed a small Western city and rocked the municipal building so that the Councilmen, then in session, left with the usual ceremonies. The clerk, a man of rules and regulations, was hard put to give his minutes the proper official tone. Finally he evolved this masterpiece: "On motion of the City Hall, the Council adjourned."—American Boy.

Piedmont Christian Institute

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Prof. Calkins has paid us another visit since we wrote last. We always enjoy his visits.

The county schools had their meet with the city school. The morning was given to athletic contests and the afternoon to literary contests. We were unable to get the names of the winners. President Gandy of the Virginia State Normal made the address to the schools at the High St. Baptist Church.

After the school meet, President Gandy and his son, Dr. Gandy, were the guests of P. C. I. and stayed that night for the play, "The Girl Who Forgot."

The K. of P. and court of Calantha of East Martinsville had their annual Thanksgiving on the first Lord's Day. Elder Hill preached for them.

The Presbyterians held their presbytery April 9, 10, 11. All matter was disposed of in a business-like way and the meeting was very inspiring.

The Preps had their hike April 5th and the seniors and juniors had theirs on the 12th. Both were caught in a rain shower.

The Freshmen have organized "The Jolly Jazokers," and will have their annual social on the 24th.

Rev. Baumgartener was returned for the next year to the A. M. E. Church.

The warm spring rains are falling and the plum, apple and cherry blossoms are beautifying the mountainsides in every direction.

What the National Convention Means

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transcended state boundaries and local horizons, was given this composite picture of Christian unity so well exemplified in our Convention.

No concerted effort could be undertaken, no consistent advances could be made, no appreciable unity was apparent, with nothing to unite them they fell apart and all because there was no bleece tie to bind. The brotherhood lay apart in several units like a divided snake. "Each for himself and God for all!" was the moving principle.

With no unity in organization there were no possibilities for a unity in history, desires, hopes, aims, and interests. The disjointed condition obtained to matters of procedure, dogmas, beliefs and in some cases doctrines. The more advanced had no way to know of the problems of the backward. The backward had no opportunity to see the light of the more advanced. The genius of the Disciples rested largely on the traditional teachings of the founders, there was no place to trace the real course of sentiments that made of our brotherhood a coherent body.

Thus the National Convention brought a medium of expression and impression to the brotherhood.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"—Ps. 133:1.

The Church Bible School

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that he had finished long ago. But my dear friends we cannot always completely from training for service for Christ.

How many of our schools are using the new program of work? This was explained in our last convention. Have we a Committee on Religious Education?

"What up a child it be he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. — Prov. 22:6.

A Christian Service

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Where the love of home, the desire for its improvement and an appreciation for the beautiful and the good are taught;

Where co-operation in activities is encouraged;

Where appreciation of society, its struggles and victories are made clear, its challenge to the future made personal;

Where the selection of the life work of each individual is not left to chance;

Where the individual is trained for his life work;

Where the problems of the school come from the problems of the community, state and nation and not altogether out of books.
FOR I dipt into the future, far as human eye can see,
Saw the Vision of the World, and all the wonder that would be;
Saw the heavens filled with commerce, argosies of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;
Heard the heavens filled with shouting and there rained a ghastly dew
From the nation's airy navies grappling in the central blue;
Far along the world-wide whisper of the southwind rushing warm,
With the standards of the people plunging through the battle-storm;
Till the war-drums throbbed no longer and the battle-flags were furled
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world.

From Locksley Hall—Tennyson.
CONFERENCE TIME

The Third Annual Conference at the S. C. I. was a success in more ways than one. The good points are too numerous to elaborate upon but to mention them will be sufficient.

First, the weather was ideal. Old Jupiter Pluvius only succeeded in spelling two events of Conference. One day out-of-door recreation was cancelled and on Sunday the Friendship Circle was confined to the dining hall. Otherwise the sun shone and sometimes the clouds prevented too much of this from spoiling the complexion of the Conference-ites.

Second, the spirit was incomparable. Every person at all times seemed to feel that it was incumbent upon him to make the conference a success. All worked harder than ever before but none complained or shirked. In the classroom, on the recreation grounds, in the demonstration, in the dormitories, the spirit of conference which is co-operation prevailed. Relationships that were indicative of the Jesus Way appeared to actuate all.

Third, the quality of the student body left nothing to be desired. While the numbers were not so large as hoped for, the personnel was up to the standard of any Conference yet held. Talent was indicated and some discovered that was used with a right good will in whatever it was needed for. Worship, dramatics, leadership, pageantry, recreation, all brought to the fore much that was to be utilized in kingdom-building. Every church may well congratulate itself if it had a young person in this Conference. All can do a number of things well, and some one thing better than most.

Last but not least, the personnel of the faculty left nothing to be desired in leadership. To the Religious Education Department of the U. C. M. S., the conference is grateful for the services of Miss Essie Chandler, Mr. S. W. Hutton, and Prof. P. H. Moss. Each of these under Dean Hutton’s administration brought to conference a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. From the Missionary Education Department of the same organization, came Miss Grace Maggavan who was responsible for two of the most interesting features of the Conference program.

the dramatics and worship. A pageant of the Christmas story on Friday evening, a melodrama of the nickelodeon type on Thursday evening and the worship programs of vesper and chapel were examples of the best in that line. To the Missionary Organization Department goes the thanks for the services of Mrs. R. B. Grubbs who acted as dean of women and made a lasting impression on those in her home missions class as to the importance of that type of missionary endeavor. The Home Mission, through the S. C. I., furnished Prof. Long, Mr. Lehman and Miss Monahan to the faculty. The state of Missouri furnished a vesper speaker in the person of its evangelist, Eld. P. A. Gray. Miss D. L. Blackburn did her usual good brand of classroom work in elementary methods and added to the spirit of Conference her share of good humor and enthusiasm. The Promotional Department furnished the foreign missions teacher in the person of Mr. J. B. Hunter who saw service in Japan. The writer directed Withal the Magnolia Conference (The NEW NAME), was a success and to all goes the credit of making this possible.—V. G. S.

WHAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEANS

V. To the Visitor

In the last few years, the National Convention has been held in places of interest that draw persons to the city for local reasons as well as for the convention itself. Also for a few seasons the Convention has been held in places of national import to some phase of the mission work. It is well that the first three Conventions were held in Nashville with all of the brotherhood viewing the educational facilities that are being built up for our young people in that city as well as learn the personal prestige of our National President, Eld. Preston Taylor. The remaining ones have met in such places as Indianapolis, a monument to the efforts of our esteemed secretary of the Joint Executive Committee and associate editor of the Christian Plea, Eld. H. L. Herod; as Hawkins, Texas, where is located our college, Jarvis; in Washington, D. C. where one of the special (Continued on page 10.)

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dear Brethren:

Eld. D. W. Bradley, pastor of the Rogersville Church and his congregation are hoping to get their new church completed in time for the Tennessee State Convention, but to be more certain about its completion they are requesting that the convention be changed to Wednesday, July 20th, continuing over Lord’s day.

This request has been granted. Let all take due notice and be fully represented both in your appropriations for state and National work with a strong delegation to put over the task that lies before us.

Preston Taylor.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

Sunday, June 3rd, marked Children’s Day at Centennial with a special program by the Sunday School and special recognition by the church. An offering was taken for the National Apportionment at this time.

Friday, June 1st, the Missionary Society met with Mrs. Carrie Adams. The meeting was very much enjoyed by all present. Miss E. Givens is the president of the society and is planning an attractive summer program for this auxiliary.

Mrs. Ruth Flowers and children have been in Mississippi visiting friends and relatives. They were present at the commencement exercises of the Southern Christian Institute in which Miss Willie S. Smith, Mrs. Flower’s niece, was graduated.

Eld. Smith, an old friend of the pastor, spoke for the church in May. He is one of the first to make an impression on the pastor in a religious way and there grew up a cordial friendship between the two before Eld. Alphin went into the ministry.

Mrs. Ruth Sheldon presented a comedy, “Deacon Brown,” at Centennial in May, and the proceeds were turned over to the building fund. Mrs. Bella Mace was instrumental in securing the services of Mrs. Sheldon.

Reports from Colorado bring the glad tidings that Miss Margaret Green is convalescing and is looking forward to a speedy recovery. Another victim of Cupid has been reported in the person of Miss Helen Macklin that was, Mrs. that is.

One addition came into the church June 3.

Mr. J. H. Heatley has returned from New Orleans where he went for a short isit to his relatives.

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WHAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEANS

II. To the Departments

THE church was something of a dissected map and required an expert to put the pieces together to fit and make a completed whole. The departmental idea was so strong that there was even a feeling of rivalry and antagonism between the departments. There grew up a tendency to departmentalize the church membership. From 1-20 covered the period of attendance in Bible school. From 20-30 one merely helped move pop-cases and carried freezers for entertainments. At thirty, one got a life-time job on the official board if one had been an efficient pop-case handler. About fifty, one became an elder from the deacons board and set himself to oppose everything for the remaining years granted him. The women graduated from the Bible school to the W. M. S. and served in all and various capacities there until death did them part. Only the leaders of the Bible school stayed after twenty years of age.

So the idea grew, embelished by the departmental character of the missionary societies then doing work in the general field. And when state conventions came in vogue often there were two or three in a state of the departments. But only one or two states now have separate conventions. Yet the departments remain separate and usurp each others’ places at every opportunity in the local church.

The National Convention has done much to destroy the walls between the departments by showing through precept and example the advantages of each and the special field of each. There are some things that cannot be done except by the cooperation of the departments in the National Convention and the matter-of-fact approach in this body has done much to level the barriers and show each the good to be derived from a correlated program rather than an individual interest.

The National Convention has been a help to the departments in relegating their exclusiveness to the background to lay stress on the unique character of activity.

“And we know that to them which love God, all things work together for good.”—Rom. 8:28.
A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

LET US ENCOURAGE THE NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS

THERE is a natural trend in the right direction and all we now need to do is to encourage and cooperate with it. The temptation is great to look back to the old sores and claw them open again till they get raw, but that settles nothing. We feel that this was done by the Southern Methodist leaders when the question of union with the Northern Methodist Church was up for consideration. All of the ill feelings of seventy-five years ago were aroused and defeated union. We must not repeat this in our work. The tendency is to treat the right direction for cooperation without distinction to race, color or nationality. Our wisest course is to encourage and never refer to the ancient wrongs that will reopen old sores.

Here are some of the tendencies:

1. The League of Nations is in a very real sense creating a Parliament of Man. In it, all the races that represent governments. The only reason that the Negro is not there in a very large sense is because he has no government of great importance. But he does not need to worry about that. All he needs to do is to forge ahead in his own development in all lands and in another twenty-five years things will begin to happen. High League of Nations officials are now in this country holding model League of Nations Assemblies. The first was held at Amberley made up of students from New England Colleges. Others will be held elsewhere. Whenever foreign students are usually chosen as delegates. Wonderful things will flow from this.

2. Great assemblies of religious workers are meeting no distinction as to race or nationality. The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ was attended by a large Negro Delegation. All other state conventions are entitiled to send delegates to the recommendation committee, but this year some were sent. Here is a right and privilege that should not be neglected. Our people have acted like the man who heard that there was a run on the bank and he rushed to the window to ask for his deposit. When the cashier began to count it out, he said in surprise, "If I can have it, I do not want it. I only wanted it if I could not have it." The Youth's Convention made no distinction of race but showed every deference to the Negro delegates. The World Sunday School Convention that will meet at Los Angeles will be made up of all races. The Student Volunteer Convention at Detroit was made up of all people. George White Georgia white delegates told with pride that they did not take sleeping with the Negro delegates from Georgia.

3. The hopes in calumet. The story was told the other day of a man who twenty years ago that a barber refused to work on Sunday and so lost his trade. A man rushed in on a Sunday night for a shave. The barber turned in his eyes asked to borrow a few coppers that he might buy a candle. The man's curiosity was aroused and he asked him his name and when he was told, he informed his barber friend he was hunting for a man of that name who has fallen heir to a very large estate. He found out the poor barber was the man. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. Our race relations will not be fully settled till a disaster sweeps over America. It may be a war, or a famine, or an economical panic. But whatever it may be it will open our eyes to our senseless race prejudice. Any man who has any of the prophetic in him can see that we are fast finding and in a conflict between the radical and conservative elements of our country. The Negro's nature and training in the missionary schools ought to make him the deciding factor in this and thus give him a very large place in the life of our nation.

4. The industrial condition of America will work towards a race understanding. Race narrowness and prosperity will not go hand in hand. We must either seek to make all our citizens capable of economical efficiency or else they will remain undeveloped. Every state in the union now recognizes this principle. All our southern states are now adopting a good educational policy. No Southern would complain at the low wages for teaching. He should work like a Trojan to develop a better school system and the salary will take care of itself.

Let us turn our faces to the front and forget the things that are behind and press forward to the prize of excellence and efficiency.

THE BUILDERS OF A WORLD

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

JESUS sent his disciples out into the world to build a better world, not to spend their time in horating the world for its defects. He stated his fundamental principles of right and wrong to his disciples to restate to the world. He knew that soon they would be attacked for doing so and would be on the defensive as martyrs. But He wanted them to take the offensive all the time in publishing the truth and in the world needed.

But so often we miss this entirely and spend our time in complaining about what the world does to us. We can give some concrete examples of this. There are two classes of white people. One class, the good class, has spent millions of dollars and dedicated thousands of the best lives to the upbuilding of the Negro race. Never before in the history of mankind has there been a more outstanding thing done for the kingdom than this. And these good people have lived for the South as well as in the North. Without their aid no work could have been done. Without the effort of the Northern people the Negro would have been left in a very deplorable condition than to slavery, and without the cooperation of good Christian people of the South they could have done nothing.

The other class, the one in both the North and South, is harsh, inconsiderate and prejudiced. They are the ones that force the conditions that we so often complain of. They are the fish and think only of their own happiness and advancement, and feel that others are created to serve them.

What we are creating is that Christians begin to be constructors instead of complainers. Here is a group of the best people in the world to begin to construct something. If we begin to hunger and thirst after righteousness and do not get it, and if we go about our work weekly we will soon inherit the earth. We know the Negro is discriminated against but there are thousands of things we can do yet does not because he spends his time in complaining about the things in which he is curtailed. If he would do the things he can do without hindrance he would soon inherit a larger kingdom than this.

Let us illustrate. Suppose he would make himself so efficient in farming that he could make the land produce like the Illinois or Ohio farmer makes his land produce. The landowner would either have to sell him the land or pay him a good price to cultivate it for him. In this way a good share of the land in Mississippi would fall into the hands of thrifty farmers. The same thing holds good in building a school system. Our school system is on a top-heavy. That is, the higher institutions of learning are growing faster than the public school system. We need highly educated men and women trained in the liberal arts in building high schools in the towns and villages. But some one may say, "Why not educate all the masses?" This is due to the fact that we do not yet have a public school system. We are just building it, and somebody must make the mistakes to build it. Someone must do it. Nobody can hold back those who know the things and are willing to become martyrs to make them real.

Our trouble is, we are more influenced by our methods of politics than by the teaching of Jesus. Our political method consists of complaining and faultfinding of the opponents. This is not the Jesus method. His method was to state the truth and then if the advocates of error want to attack them they may. This was the course pursued by the apostles. If they had adopted the political method and had gone out complaining of the ruling Jews and the governing Romans they would have arrived nowhere. Instead they went out and stated the positive fundamentals of truth and when they were attacked they became the greatest force in the world.

Providence has fitted the Negro into the American life in a way that he can make himself a positive force instead of a negative one. But so far many of the leaders have taken the negative course. Those Negroes that took the positive course are now rated as among the great of the earth. Of course there is no harm in stating the discriminations and the hardships when the occasion is ripe, but when that is done, let us forget that there are discriminations and let us do the thousands of things that we can do and do not. Injustice always hurts the man who perpetrates it far more than the man against whom it is aimed.

Some of us now see that unless we build a better civilization than our fathers gave us the world will go on indefinitely in its way. Oppression and faultfinding will not build it. We need world-builders after the order of the apostles, men who can press hard the truth and take the consequences. We are taking the role of the new peoples like the Japanese, Chineses, Hindus and Negroes would adopt this course now the Caucasian won in the kingdom. If they do not do it, they themselves will perish soon. Then let us quit complaining and take the world as we find it and begin where we are to build a better world.
A visit to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, revealed a visit made by Eld. S. S. Myers as pastor of the church there. The church is making wonderful progress. With the continued cooperation of its present members and some new members the church soon will be ready for the completion of their splendid new church home. The present leadership of Mrs. G. C. Robinson is among the first to get in their full apportionment for this year.

The church at Clearview, Okla., is holding its morale in spite of the fact that its numbers are greatly reduced by the moving of members to other sections. Possibly nowhere in all of the country is there a more concentrated and sacrificial group than is found here. Courageously are they in every department of the church striving to meet apportionments for both State and National work which were made for twice their number. Their great love for the cause lightens the labor.

Eld. Z. H. Howard is fitting into the work in Muskogee, a very fine city in Muskogee is a field with wonderful possibilities. If the force there could realize the beauty of unity the would know no limitation. The W. M. S. under the leadership of Mrs. Giles of this church, will meet its apportionment. Mrs. S. A. Pitts has been the Young People's leader of this splendid bunch you may take notice.

The church at Chickasha, Oklahoma, is virgin and ladies with possibilities Eld. S. A. Williams of Muskogee is Pastor. Eld. Williams is a fine man, but both he and the church are handicapped because he does not live in that city. The W. M. S. of this church is under the leadership of Mrs. Mattie V. Roberts, the daughter of the late Rev. S. E. Farnetti who was its faithful visionary president for many years. Surely Mrs. Roberts will carry on the work and who desires to do some extension work along educational lines. The Woman's Missionary Society of that church will "go over the top" this year.

Parsons, Kansas, our church there has enjoyed the pastorate of some of our five fine ministers. The last one was from the east, Eld. J. D. Henry who is now serving them. Eld. Henry is a young man, full of enthusiasm and evidently capable of leading the church to higher planes. Mrs. Lucy Bridgeswater is the president of the Missionary Society there. She is a wonder mother in our Zion and will doubtless succeed in closing the year not short of the goal.

Tpteka, Kan., with Eld. B. C. Duke, is doing a very fine work. Recently they have remodeled their church home. With added Sunday School rooms, beautiful walls and hardwood floors throughout the place, there is an atmosphere of beauty and a shrine for worship and service. The W. M. S. of this place has been inactive account the absence of their president, Grace Sawyer. She has had to spend many months in California because of illness in her family. When a call was made for some one to take up the work in the absence of Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Ivy Gaiteskill accepted. We are satisfied that in Mrs. Gaiteskill the church has a competent and on the leader who will do her utmost to lead the society on.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KY.

Eld. C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky.

State Convention days are again upon us. Gracefully did we accept Georgetown's invitation to again camp with them and to Georgetown we go July 18-22.

Remember we vowed a vow to Georgetown at Georgetown for Georgetown. Rash though it was. Jehphira, have we broken our vow? Every church in the state was to remember Georgetown in a large way, helping on their debt which is a monument to their faith in God and in us. "We shall not forget thee."

"Faith of our fathers, Holy Faith! We will be true to thee till death."

WHAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEANS

IV. To the Local Church

While representation by states is stressed in the National Convention, the increasing number of local churches that are sending delegates to this body leads to the conclusion that the Convention offers something of value to the local congregation. Business forms a part of the program of the Convention and must be taken care of but the real values of the Convention from the standpoint of a delegate or visitor from the local church are the inspirational addresses and instructive conferences.

Good sermons, excellent addresses, interesting conferences and pleasant contacts are the portion of those who come with no knowledge of the business on hand. The printed page carries permanency clearness and coherence but personal touches carry depth, understanding and sympathy. Often the key to progress, vitalization as well as methods. To grow, inspiration must be there; to grow, enthusiasm must be present; to go, information must be on hand. But the glowing and growing processes precede the going one. The first contribution of the National Convention to the local church is Inspiration.

The second that we would mention is information. A great many do not because they heard not. When the local church has a representative on the grounds, a participant and voter in the Convention, there is no excuse for not working during the next year. The facts and circumstances out of which an issue arises and the forces that are present and active in its passage mean often the real human equation in deciding the course taken. To know all of this background is the right and the obligation as far as possible of every church. A delegate from this local church thus gets all the facts and conditions and all that is necessary is a little reminder during the year to stimulate to action.

At the end of the first convention recorded in Acts 15:1-34 the following is the result. "They were delighted with the encouragement it gave them."—Goodspeed.

"Beginning in Jerusalem, and into Judea." Your State is your Judea. Let your Jerusalem, local church, carry forth into your Judea, State, and on into your Samaria, or National Convention.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
ADVENTURING IN MISSIONS
C. E. Graggett, Pastor Woodland Ave. Church, Kansas City, Mo.

The spirit of adventure has been the secret of progress in all the great achievements throughout the world. The adventurer has beaten new paths across the earth. His uneasy bark has tossed upon all seas. He has gone in every direction, pushing the line of progress to the ends of the earth. He has conquered the elements above and made the trackless air a highway over land and sea. Famine and pestilence have been made to bow at his feet, and even death itself has felt the power of the adventurer.

By him new worlds have been founded, kingdoms established and lines of trade and commerce built around the earth. Just as it has required adventuring to push the lines of progress and bring about new conditions of living in the world. The adventurer has beaten venturing to extend the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth. The adventurer in missions has been the world's greatest benefactor. Had it not been for the spirit of adventure the kingdom of Christ would not have been extended beyond the boundaries of Palestine. In no field of adventure has there been greater need than that of religion. The extension of the kingdom of God has always depended upon adventurous spirits. Abraham must needs leave his own country and kindred and go out into an unknown land and people. Paul is constrained to cross race and class lines to carry the message of love and light to the lost everywhere. And, thanks be to God and to those who have gone forth in His name, to carry on the unfinished story of Christ. If the countess millions throughout the world are saved from sin, it will be only when the confessed followers of Christ rise up in earnest and preach Jesus with power and enthusiasm. It remains for us, the living, to carry on the unfinished task of those who have adventured and suffered to extend the kingdom of Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth.

To this end missionary agencies have been organized and set in motion to recruit men and women for service throughout the world. Our own National Convention has been organized for this one purpose—to promote the spirit of missions in the hearts of the members constituting the Negro Brotherhood. We have been called upon to contribute $16,000 with which to push the lines of progress just a little further out. This sum of money is indeed very small when compared with our actual power to give, and yet we find ourselves failing in this brotherhood responsibility. How many of our churches have failed to have any fellowship in preaching the gospel any place except their local territory. How many have failed to contribute one penny for the training of men and women for the ministry as preachers, teachers, missionaries and leaders in the church and society?

We have but come to the borderland of kingdom building and extension. The churches now established need to be more highly taught, new ones should be established, colleges and universities should be built and maintained—all of which requires united action and giving on the part of our churches now established. Before us lies the promised land, but only through the spirit of adventure can we go in and take possession.

CONVENTION STARS AND HOW SELECTED
R. L. Peters, Yield Sec'y for Tri-State Convention

The convention season is now at hand and the local churches throughout all the states will soon meet in annual conventions. Now, may I offer some suggestions as to how to select delegates?

First: Don't send a delegate to represent the church because he, or she, can dress finer than anyone else in the church. It takes brains and not clothes to do business for our King. If you want a good suit of clothes go to the tailor's shop; tailors make clothes. If you want real men and women, go to God for God makes men and women. Hear the Word: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his vineyard," Matt. 9:38.

Second: Don't select delegates by the color of the skin or texture of the hair; I mean don't simply because they are good-looking. Remember beauty and sense seldom go together (Josh Billings). Therefore, beauty, money, critics. Where are the stars? Listen to the answer: Dress, Beauty, Money, Critics. Where are the men and women? Christian men and women who have made sacrifices and built up the church! Answer, at home, hard at work, building up the "Master's Kingdom." My advice to all churches in sending delegates this year: Send men and women and not tailor's dummies.

I LOVE and have cause to love the earth, She is my Maker's creature therefore good She is my mother for she gave me birth. She is my tender nurse for she gave me food.

But, what's a creature, Lord, compared to thee? Or what's my mother or my nurse to me?

Without thy presence, earth gives no reflection. Without thy presence, sea affords no treasure.

Without thy presence, air's a rank infection. Without thy presence, Heaven itself's no pleasure.

If not possessed, if not enjoyed in Thee What's earth, or sea, or heaven to me?

-Francis Quarles.
GREENVILLE, TEXAS
REPORTER—MRS. L. A. WHYTE

The Clark St. Christian Church is still on the active list. April was a rainy month and sometimes we were almost rained out but even so the record was good in attendance and offering in both the Bible School and the church.

The Missionary Society is doing well. The East Side Division is wide-awake and we are proud of their activities. We all look forward to our joint meetings the first Wednesday in each month because of the inspiration for that month’s work. We wish for the ladies of other mission societies to listen to our program as we are assembled.

On April 1 our Scripture lesson was found John 15 chapter with references to Gen. 2:7-9; 2 Peter 1:3 and the subject was “Can a man be saved out of the church?” The Harmony Club, under the direction of Mr. Fudgen, rendered two beautiful selections at the morning service.

April 15 the Scripture lesson was from John 21:15 and the subject, “The Measure of Love.” The message was beautifully delivered and we all felt as if we were having our Pentecostal shower. The appeal was so forcibly presented that four came forward amid great rejoicing and joined our forces.

April 29th the Scripture was read from Mark 10:21; 2 Cor. 4:2, and the subject was on “The Cost of Discipleship.” Our visitors on this day were Dr. and Mrs. Cook and Mr. S. Grant.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION
REPORTER—MRS. MARY FRANKLIN, REIDSVILLE, ARK.

The meeting of District No. 1 convened with the Edwards Chapel Christian Church on April 28-29. The meeting was a success, largely attended, with a fair representation from all the departments. On Saturday night a very interesting program was presented by the young people.

Sunday was a high day of the session with good services throughout the day. Our state Evangelist, Eld. M. M. Bostick, preached a soul-stirring sermon. The financial results were $23.00 from all departments.

The following week, May 2, we were blessed in having Prof. P. H. Moss in our midst. He gave an interesting address to the church touching on the training of the youth along the lines of Christian education.

Medals have been presented recently to those men who in performance of their duty have protected prisoners committed to their care from instances of mob violence.

REIDSVILLE, N. C.
REPORTER—MRS. ADDIE HENRY

The Easter service of the Missionary Society was indeed a success at his church. The day was beautiful and we had a good crowd and all seemed interested in the great work. The president had anticipated the day and had a good program planned as follows:

Hymn—“Doest Jenta Care!”
Invocation—Simeon Williams
Hymn—“Jesus Paid It All.”
Address—“Are You复活了 for Christ?”
President.
Special Music—“I Have Found a Friend”
Mrs. Griss.
Serm—“And ye shall be witnesses of me”—Eld. Wooten.
Music—“Must I Go and Empty-handed”
Choir Offering Doxology Benediction.

The address of the president was enjoyed by all. She spoke in parables, making all see the necessity of giving life’s service for Christ.

Those contributing $1.00 were as follows:

Mrs. Susie Fontaine
Mrs. Maggie Davis
Mrs. Edith Watkins
Mrs. Sarah Wright
Mrs. A. M. Southeast
Mrs. Carrie Battle
Mrs. Lena Walker
Mrs. Alberta Crip
Mrs. Annie Stockton
Mrs. Martha Salco
Mrs. Mary Wastick
Mrs. L. George
Mrs. Annie Gunning
Mrs. Lottie Strong
Mrs. Mary Harris
Mrs. S. R. Jefferson
Mrs. John Meadows
Mrs. W. J. Jeter
Mr. George Stockton, Sr.

This occasion put us “Over the top” and we have already sent in to the U. C. M. S. our entire appropriation. Hurrah for Reidsville!

Mrs. Susie Fontaine, Pres.
Mrs. Annie Gunning, Secretary.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
REPORTER—WILLIAM J. AYERS

The Mt. Olive Church of Christ is striving steadily to maintain her goal. Church classes have been organized; choir, Bible School and Bible class organized; and everything looks bright for the success of the church.

On the third Sunday in March the following were dedicated and ordained for the Lord’s service:

For Elders—William J. Ayers, Steven Coleman.

For Deacons—William Sumber, James Summer.

The ordination sermon was preached by Eld. Gumby of Cleve-land, and the charge delivered by Eld. Meek of Youngstown. We were honored by eight visitors from Cleveland and one was added to the church on that Lord’s Day.

On April 22 Eld. R. W. Watson, his wife and daughter and Mr. William Jackson of Dayton visited us. The two brothers encouraged us by their helpful talks.

Beginning with next quarter, we are planning to form a class in Religious Education which will be taught by Elder Blair and Eld. Coleman.

TAYLOR, TEXAS
REPORTER—MAUDE DAVIS

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Murphy St. Christian Church was the guest of the First Church (white) on Sunday April 29, 1928.

Miss Hall had been asked to sing by the president of the Society of the First Church. The daily press on Saturday carried an announcement of the program and the special number by Miss Hall, the principal speaker.

On Sunday evening the weather where the meeting was held was crowded with representatives of both races. Miss Arah Garrett, who is a soloist, furnished some of the music and led the spirituals for the group.

Miss Hall’s number was the spiritual “Go Down Moses” rendered as a solo. The rendition delighted all who were present. Miss Mary Hendricks played an instrumental solo.

The rest of the program was enjoyed by all.

MAYSICK, KENTUCKY
REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

Eld. C. H. Johnson was with us on the fifth Sunday in April. He preached us two excellent sermons both morning and evening to large audiences. The weather was fine. The evening discourse was from the subject, “Walking with God.” Visitors from the other two local churches were present.

Eld. Johnson is making a fine evangelist and he is doing a good work for Maysick. He plans to be with us in our rally in the first of June. We hope to reach our goal here at Maysick some day.

A CORRECTION

I write to correct an error in the April issue of the Plea touching agreement to consolidate the Piedmont and Tri-State Conventions. I wish to say that no place was agreed upon for a meeting to effect such consolidation, nor was there any agreement to consolidate.

The Tri-State brethren passed a recommendation to dissolve the two conventions and consolidate in a STATE CONVENTION, but the Piedmont brethren have not voted on the recommendation and nothing definite was accomplished.

S. Kenney.
Pres. of Tri-State Convention.

Editor’s Note—The April issue carried an article by Eld. Preston Taylor stating the plans for consolidation.

The editors were privileged to sit in a meeting of the leaders of the Piedmont District in Martinsville. There a vote was taken and the recommendation passed that the two Conventions consolidate, if so voted by the Convention. Plans were then made by Pres. Ragsdale of Piedmont Convention to invite a representative body of the Tri-State Convention to consider the mechanics of consolidation, if so voted by conventions.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
"SHOWING THE PEOPLE THE WAY."

READ AT APRIL DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION BY JULIUS V. JAMES

Blessed, indeed, the man or woman who can truly show people the way of salvation, of which the Holy Scripture speaks. To be able to lead any one from the paths of sin to a life of holiness is the most glorious of all acquisitions. All other gifts often succeed into insignificance compared to this. It is a real alliance with the Omnipotent which every Christian should most ardently desire.

In the Book of Acts we read of an unfortunate young woman following the Apostle Paul and his companions in Gospel labors and for days crying out, "These men are the servants of the most High God, and show us the way of salvation." She was demon-possessed and some sort of a so-called fortune teller. But God overruled Satan's designs and employed her and the evil spirit within her to proclaim the real character and work of Paul and his co-laborers. Thus God often makes even his enemies to magnify His truth.

Certainly all Christians ought to be able to show people the way of salvation. While this is the chief business of the preachers, yet the lowest of God's children may do so. They should never lose sight of the holy principle, "Saved to Serve." Nor should they overlook the fact that the more truly conge- erated they are, and the better they are acquainted with the word of God, the greater will be their success in showing people the glorious way of salvation. We are in-formed that an angel said to Cornelius, "God is with thee, and all thy house shall be saved." That is, Peter would tell or show him and his family the real way of salvation. But to do so merely theoretically, or according to the letter only, is not sufficient. An unsaved man might do that. We need to sustain such blessed and vital relations with God that we make us the in- struments in actually leading people into the possession of salvation. That is God's high and holy pur- pose concerning every Christian.

Ah, yes, it is truly saved men and women, and not angels, that God rises to show people the way of salvation, so that no real Chris- tian need despair of winning souls. While angels are commissioned to execute various purposes of the Al- mighty, they were not chosen to tell sinful men how to be saved. Only persons themselves redeemed from sin through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ have been selected to tell the story of re- redeeming mercy, love and grace to the unregenerate.

Oh, the distinguished honor con- ferred upon us, and how it should humble us and lead us to praise and adore our Heavenly Father! And how greatly we should seek the highest possible equipment for so sublime a work! And surely it should constitute life's greatest and sweetest mission to carry out God's design concerning us, namely, to experimentally show the unsaved the way of salvation.—Christian Dis- patch.

MISSIONS

DISTRICT MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Miss Bula West

It affords me no small pleasure to speak to you along the line of Mission Work.

First of all, we are Christians, we are missionaries. And if we have our work at heart, nothing could keep us from doing a good work.

We all cannot cross the ocean and the mountains, but we can do a work for Jesus. We can help those at our feet.

Christ was the greatest mission- ary we know of, and on his mission he was persecuted on every hand. Did he stop? No, he continued his work to its end.

These are facts of a kind, fasci- nating to the uplift of all classes and we must get souls to look at them. Foreign Missions, are hu- man possibilities under the light of God.

We see more clearly the thoughts of man, grasping with the thoughts of God, until we cry out "O Al- mighty God, we are thinking thy thoughts after thee."

Then let us be up and doing, with a mind to do the work for God, who died to save us all.

We, as Christian people, are to stand up for purity. Not only for private life, but also of public life, and for standard public morality as against corruption.

The parable of the sower lets forth of four different kinds of hearers of a message of God's.

(1) Those who will not allow the message to sink in their hearts. It is as binding to their lives and so refuse to carry it out. (2) Those who hear it enthusiastically and think it a fine thing to have en- durance and courage but leave their soul in dangerous conditions. (3) Those who hear it but give it up to the care and the riches of the world, and forget that Jesus died to save us all. (4) Those who hear and are honest, sincere and unbiased and so carry it out with patience and to the good of the world, the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Christian people ought to stand up for purity. Of public morality against corruption. And what are we as Christian people doing with this message? Some say it is not the business of the church to convert people or to try to do any- thing at all about them. But it is the business of the church to do this and to get these to convert others.

We rightly aim at the conversion of the world, but the conversion of the world will never be if we are not converted ourselves from evil conditions.

Let us put more of our time in doing good work for the Master. Learn to labor and to work.

"God bless us from whom all bless- ings flow."—Christian Dis- patch.

THE BIBLE SCHOOLS OF DISTRICT NO. 2

REPORTER-MRS. S. J. JACKSON

The Bible School Quarterly meet- ing was held at Lorman, Miss. Can say, though the rain and storm. a few turned out each day, and the meeting was good.

Mrs. C. A. Watts was present both days. We all were indeed glad to have Mrs. Watts with us. Come again, Mrs. Watts.


Money raised, $49.44.

PERSONALS

Elder J. H. Bell of St. Louis, Mo., is in the state. He held a meet- ing for Bro. Calvert at Indi- anola. He was also present in our district meeting at Fayette.

Mrs. Carrie Fitzhugh of Jackson spent a week with her parents, Elder and Mrs. G. T. Trevillion.

Elder and Mrs. I. C. Franklin motored to Mound Bayou to be present at the preaching of the Baccalaureate sermon of the Boli- var County Training School. There was an audience of 700 or 800. Elder I. C. Franklin was the speaker.—Christian Dis- patch.

FIEDMONT DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Piedmont District Convention met at Martinsville, Va., Aug. 8-12 with the Fayette St. Christian Churche.

Miss Justin K. Spencer, Sec.
DAYTON, OHIO
REPORTER—B. H. JOHNSON
The month of April was a great month for us here. We have met our obligations to the Church Extension Board and most of our general expense. We are doing fair spiritually.
The Sunday School is growing. Church attendance also increasing.
A Men's Club has been organized in our church which is doing a wonderful work. Its purpose is to create a greater interest spiritually and to assist in financing the church. This club was favored with an address by Pres. J. N. Ervin of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, on the 4th Sunday in April. He stopped over in our city on his way from Columbus, Ohio.

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK, N. DAYTON
The W. M. S. held a very inspiring meeting on the 5th and 7th of May. They extended a call to the writer to come to us and give a series of talks. We are very glad these good people come to us. They always bring us inspiring messages.

FROM ARKANSAS
REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK, N. DAYTON
We wish to report the funeral of one of the oldest members of the Cross St. Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Lillie Gallispie departed this life April 17 and was buried on April 20. She was a very faithful member and earnestly contended for the faith.
Ere sleep overtook her, she had written out the songs and sermon that she wished the pastor, Eld. M. M. Bostick, to use and she felt she was in a resting place. Her selected hymns were—"A Soldier of the Cross" and "The Old Rugged Cross." She had been ill over two years.
The pastor did not fail to preach this funeral. The pallbearers were T. E. Cole, O. B. Garner, I. Dean and Isiah Martin. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain.
She leaves a husband, three nieces, a stepmother and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

LOUISVILLE CENTRAL
REPORTER—MRS. M. L. FRENCH
The Central Church has just closed a successful ten-day revival. It was conducted by Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C. There were ten additions and the church was greatly revived. Eld. Owens is carrying on the good work of soul-saving.
The W. M. S. held a very inspiring prayer service at 5:00 on Easter morning. The Thank Offering amounted to $12.00.

DANVILLE, KY.
Second St. Christian Church
REPORTER—WM. MARTIN
The writer landed in Danville on the 1st of May and entered into a two weeks' meeting the same night. We fixed hard on the battle front. We lost two nights because the writer was ill. The faithful brethren and sisters continued the meeting with prayer services and kept up the spirit. Sunday, May 6th we were able to go back to the pulpit. The meeting closed with two additions and $335.00 raised during the meeting.
The Danville Church seems to be in good shape now, having disposed of their Main Street property, applying the sum received on their debt, thereby reducing the indebtedness to $1500.00.
They extended a call to the writer for part time until the State Convention, after which full time will be given. The work is a good work and Danville has some fine people in the Church there. The members are loyal, as a whole. Watch Danville grow!

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.
REPORTER—MRS. MARY B. FRANKLIN
The State Board of the W. M. S. Convention met in North Little Rock, Sat. May 12. The meeting was a success with many interesting things discussed concerning the state convention.
We wish to urge each society in the state to represent in the state with $3.00 and in the National Convention with $4.00.
Now sisters, let's get busy and raise our apportionment ere June 30. Our aim is $200.00 for this year and each society had an apportionment on this amount which you received a long time ago. So please raise your apportionment.

AUSTIN, TEXAS
REPORTER—I. Q. HURDLE
Twelfth Street Christian Church (Mission) is still on the firing line. Revival spirit began to creep out last Sunday when Dr. Holmes from Hyde Park Christian Church (White) came to us and preached a missionary sermon to the Woman's Mission Department. Dr. Garrison, and Deacon Moore of Hyde Park were with us and talked also. Dr. H. C. Garrison, Minister of the Central Christian Church (White) also came to us with a great message on Thursday night. Eld. A. Taylor, brother to our pastor, is the special revival minister. The spirit of Christ is permeating gradually in Austin, and the people are beginning to hear the Gospel in its purity, and we do not know how much good is now being done. It is only left for the future to divulge.
Eld. G. W. Taylor, and his good wife are still faithful at their task. We are beginning to look forward to the time of State and National meetings. Children's Day has passed and we have not neglected the offerings. The one dollar to Superintendent T. W. Pratt, the Delegate to the International convention in Los Angeles, has been sent. May God bless Prof. Pratt. He is a noble man, and we hope all the schools will respond in time without fail. Go on to the meeting: Schools, respond to the call. Send the one dollar.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
REPORTER—MRS. HATIE TYREE
All departments of the Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church are wide awake and working.
Our pastor, Eld. Dorsey, is preaching some masterful sermons. Each Sunday they seem better than the previous efforts. May 28th the subject of the discourse was the "Lost Boy," taken from the parable of the Prodigal Son. We all knew the story but our pastor brought out many new points, including the lesson of sweetness and gentleness to those of the family circle. There should be no jealousy and envy is the teaching of the Savior. At the close of this sermon, one from the Methodist Church united with the congregation.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
Rev. A. W. Davis held a successful three weeks' meeting in April at the Sixth Street Christian Church. Eighteen souls were gained to the Church and $425.00 raised.
Brother Davis is a great preacher. He is true to the old Jerusalem Gospel. His sermons gripped the people from the beginning to the end. The one sermon that was paramount in my mind was "Jesus the light of the world." He dramatized this sermon at the Aldridge Theater, which seated 950 persons, and more than 300 more turned away. I am sure that was the greatest demonstration he has ever made with this sermon. That night the church realized $1700 as her part of the door receipt. The people of Oklahoma City welcome him back any time he wants to come. He is the giant of the Church. He has our prayers wherever he goes.
FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky.

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO CHRISTIAN UNITY

THAT Christian union is "in the air" is evident from the reports of committees self-appointed and otherwise; but the question is how to get it down out of the air and into the problem.

When our folk speak of Christian Union it is a veiled way of stating how all communicational union which an oppressor has termed Snake and Frog Union. It might occur to us that we have some contribution to make, if ever the Master's prayer that they all may be one is answered.

1st. When we say what Jesus said we must mean what Jesus meant. It is here that our profession breaks down. And 1, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men to me. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. By the grace of God, He tasted death for every man. For God so loved the world, etc.; all of those statements stand or fall together. All are true or all are false. Now instead of philosophizing about it, we should accept His word at face value without any ifs buts and excuses or quit the field. Jesus knew that each, whether, race, clan, country or clime, could never converse a lost world; hence He said, That the world may believe that Thou sentest Me.

The church that runs it up denunciation of the world does, is doomed now. Has Jesus and the apostles done so there would have been no church. In the world some day must come! I wonder where some of us will be?

3rd. Then what kind of a contribution can the Negro Disciples make? We all of us have assets and many of his liabilities came from the other brethren directly or indirectly, and like many of them explain away that this while in religion presenting the stark, naked bone with no flesh. This makes conversion a cool calculation. It may convert and it is lagging in many respects far in behind to end. See that the reports of all departments are made out so we may better judge our strength and be more competent to build up the waste places and strengthen those who are weak.

Each department will have its full time: The church, Sunday school, Women's Missionary Society and the Christian Endeavor. A letter from Bro. D. W. Bradley informs us that they are hoping to have their new church ready for dedication during the convention.

COLUMBIA, KY.

J. S. CONWAY

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK, STATE PRESIDENT

To those whom are interested in the progress of the church.

After hearing the words of Prof. P. H. Moss on the sad problems that are facing Africa and other foreign mission fields, I do not see why every member of the church through Little Rock and North Little Rock is not a member of the Missionary Society. After learning of the great impression made in this field by the teaching of the dear missionaries on the true type of civilization, the hearts of each one should be stirred. Then turn to the World Call and read the news written by Emory Ross and the great sayings of S. J. Corely, and if you are not inspired to go forward in this work both in the local participation and in world redemption, then you do not believe what you read and see.

Take notice that our State Convention will convene at Little Rock, Aug. 15-19. Start today to get your representation fees of $5.00; for the National Convention $2.00 and for the state work $3.00.

May 15 we were pleased to have Pres. J. B. Lehman of S. C. I. to visit the Little Rock Church to help them in their struggle. Their leader, M. M. Bostick extended the invitation to Mr. Lehman.

What are you and two district workers doing to raise your apportionment which is $100- 00 for each department on June 30. We are praying for results.

FACTS ABOUT YOUR RACE!

Garnered From the Bulletins of the Interracial Commission, Atlanta, Ga.

THAT the "Burly Negro Criminal" so often referred to in the newspaper items of the paper is often the neglected of the society whose laws he violates, has been shown by a recent report from the state of North Carolina. Of 1036 Negroes in 33 prisons in that state, not one was a high school graduate and only three were of any high school grade. Thirty-four per cent were illiterate and 83 per cent were unable to read the newspapers. This lack of con- 

PHANTASISATION OF THE PART OF THE STATE HAS FILLED ITS PRISONS. "Ignorance Breeds Crime."
The National Convention

Time and Place

The element of time and place is a philosophical problem as well as a practical matter that concerns all. A few suggestions of the available times and places as they enter into the lives of the National Convention may enlighten some and more fully impress others with the problem as it relates to the life of our work.

I. TIME—a. Present. The present time is usually the last week in August of ten running over into September. This is a good time for it in reference to most of the state conventions. It is at the end of the summer and permits many to take their summer vacation at that time.

But on the other hand, it is just before school starts in most of the cities. Thus many school-teachers and many mothers are compelled to be absent making preparation for the opening of school. Many of the young people, being away to school and cannot attend the Convention. All are preparing to start somewhere and thus cannot have the time to be notified by being away to school comes two months after the beginning of the missionary year. All apportionments and quotas are voted on in the Convention.

II. PLACE— a. Present policy. The present policy of leaving the selection of the place to a temporary committee appointed and empowered to select only upon invitations has its drawbacks. Worse still is the habit of the officious deciding what place they want to go and pulling the Convention to some place more than a willingness to entertain the assembly ought to enter in the decision. The focal point of the movement ought to be one thing since the expense should be equally divided. The attitude of the different religious gatherings ought to be investigated. The condition of the host church, the racial feelings that exist, the number and character of delegates it can reach, the conditions of travel, the widthness of local appeal and the leadership of the state ought to be considered; all are matters that materially affect the spirit and result of the Convention.

b. A Proposed policy. If the "Time and Place" Committee was appointed in the preceding Convention and empowered to proceed through correspondence to receive and consider invitations and with its own efforts and that of the Convention officers, it would do well in rating the Convention abilities of a town and choosing it for the assembly.

Also, the church would have a longer time to prepare since it would get its invitation in earlier than the Convention assembling. The work of this committee if given this way would demand the recognition of the Convention to proceed through correspondence to receive and consider invitations and with its own efforts and that of the Convention officers, it would do well in rating the Convention abilities of a town and choosing it for the assembly.

TIME and PLACE mean more than a date and a town but materially affect the character of the Convention.

A Delegated Convention

A VOTE on any question shall be taken by states or by states. Where any such vote is taken, it shall be by three (3) delegates representing three (3) states. In such cases, the roll shall be called in alphabetical order. In all other cases, the vote may be taken as the President directs.

d. Each state and district represented in the Convention shall be entitled to one vote for each five hundred (500) members or members.

e. All other cases, the vote may be taken as the President directs.

The above passage from the newly adopted constitution of the National Convention is one of the things that has been the stumbling-block of the International Convention for years. Thanks to the state judgment of the revisors of the National Constitution, this was included in the revision and passed without a dissenting vote.

A delegated convention permits a just and fair counting of the opinion of the country on any one subject. With the means of publicity at hand, the major questions of the Convention are well behind the different parts of the country have an opportunity to see the merits of the case and protect itself and the Convention from any show of partiality. In the cities in which the Convention meets there may be membership of the local church greater than that of the representatives of the entire brotherhood from other places.

With the host church, behind a proposition all that was needed in the old day was for the church and a few more to sponsor the issue and all was well. Now however while every person registered in the Convention may vote, yet the vote is judged upon the number of persons he represents and not on the unit one. That is the truest democracy.

A person from Florida might represent 200 persons and another person from Kentucky represent 3,000, and a person of the home church represent only 1 person.

The appeal to the loyalty of a group is more often made on the basis of who sponsors an issue rather than the merits. In the Youth's Convention in Memphis, the nominating committee selected with care those who would have made the best president. The Memphis group with Tennessee backing got behind a local favorite and put him in without regard to his fitness. The merits were subordinated to the person and the same could well be true of many things that come up.

A delegated convention we have, but the question is can we use it rather than abuse it. We have a chairman or president but he is more often abused than used. We have vice presidents but they are never needed.

We have a corresponding secretary but he is not called upon to any service. Assistants never receive any more than a name and a position with no responsibility. Even the practice of instructing a committee has come to be a good way to render these ineffectual. So the delegated convention won't mean a thing unless those best able to understand it will undertake to use it in times where it is necessary.

What the National Convention Means

III. TO THE STATES

IT IS so easy for a state to come to the place where it considers itself the ultimate of religious thought and achievement. It is so easy to hold the penny so close to the eye that all of the solar system is blotted out. The state ties its loyalties to the state program so closely that it has no time or space for the whole.
Constitution

The above passage from the constitution of the National Convention provides for appointment, work and the recommendations and resolutions. For the action of the Convention shall be submitted to this Committee to be considered and recommended with its approval or disapproval to the Convention.

The Recommendations Committee

1. This Committee shall consist of one member from each state, who shall be elected by the state conventions or state boards. Persons may be members of the Committee. When members are qualified by credentials, the President of the Convention shall be the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

2. This Committee shall serve also as a Nominating Committee, and shall nominate all officers for Church Department of the Convention and the members of the Joint Executive Committee.

5. It shall hold sessions during the sitting of the Convention at the call of the Chairman, and recommend to the Convention at the business period all business matters, recommendations and resolutions.

All business matters, recommendations and resolutions, for the action of the Convention, shall be submitted to this Committee to be considered and recommended with its approval or disapproval to the Convention.

VISIOn for the national and world operation among other groups and our own.

Each state had a vain illusion that it alone had troubles and disappointments. If a Kentuckian met a Kansan the good points of each state organization was stressed and each left believing that the other had a perfect piece of social machinery. But after the inauguration of the National Convention the problem of evangelization, of state missions, of pastoral supply, adequate church buildings, complete local programs and so on were all found to be the piece de resistance of every state. With the pooling of their problems came the pooling of themselves through the united adequate solution. And thus the National Convention meant to the state a real medium of understanding and co-operative effort from the states.

The National Convention uses much of the best talent of many states and uses these leaders of the state in giving to the states the unified program of the national work. Representation from the state in both numbers and quality of intelligence leads to the best being winnowed out and used to the advantage of all. The program is built with two objectives, one to get the most competent before the people and the other to have the program as representative as possible.

"For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content."—Phil. 4:11.

The Recommendations Committee

The Recommendations Committee offers one means. The means will lead to no ends unless observed by two groups. Our co-operative efforts have an opportunity to come to light. The states must do their part in selecting, appointing, electing and credentialing the member of the Recommendations Committee. The Convention has the other two thirds of the task in first recognizing and using the Committee and second in placing its activities on a high Christian basis. Scandalous to relate but it is usually sufficient.

"Are you a clock watcher?" asked the employer of the candidate for a job.

"No, I don’t like inside work," replied the applicant, without heat.

The Congressionalist.

Willing to Take it for Once

Mother—"Robert, you’re a naughty boy. You can just go to bed without your supper.

Bobby—"Well, mother, what about that medicine I’ve got to take after meals?"

—Western Christian Advocate.

Poetry Aids Grammar

"Mummy, do you say ‘It is me’, or ‘It is I’?"

"Always remember the rhyme: ‘It is me, the spider to the fly’."

—Pathfinder.

"I see—but couldn’t you say ‘It is me’, said the spider to the fly?"—The Congressionalist.

A Correction

"Half the City Council Are Crooks" was the glaring headline. A retraction in full was demanded of the editor under penalty of arrest.

Next afternoon the headline read, "Half the City Council Aren’t Crooks."—Lethbridge Herald.

Safety In Chicago

"John, what made you jump so?" asked the Chicago wife.

"Oh," he replied, "when I heard those two bangs I thought at first it was our two old tires blowing out, but when I heard the buzz in my hash."

—Methodist Episcopalian.

Laugh, Grins and Giggles

What Makes It Ignorance

Teacher: "Willie, how do you define ignorance?"

Willie: "It’s when you don’t know something, but some one finds it out."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Corroborates His Diploma

Patient: "So you’v e really been practicing since 1895?"

Dentist: "If you don’t believe it, just look over the magazines in the waiting-room."

—Pathfinder.

Progress

Patron: "Here’s a piece of rubber tire in my hash."

Waiter: "There’s no doubt about it. The motor is displacing the horse everywhere."—The Congressionalist.

Powerful Poison

"Arry: ‘Heard of the latest in poisons?’

Planes: ‘No. What is it?’

"Arry: ‘Airplane poisoning. One drop is usually sufficient.’

—Pathfinder.

Knew the Sound

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The Minister Has His Day

"Will you please see that your engineer-driver on the 11:50 does not blow the engine’s whistle when passing Rose Avenue on Sundays?" said the complainant.

"That’s impossible," protested the official. "Why shouldn’t he?"

"Because our minister always preaches until the 11:50 passes. Last Sunday it was twenty-five minutes late."—Methodist Advocate.
The Reason Back of the Lord's Supper

By Chauncey R. Piety

The ancient Egyptians built the great pyramids as tombs and memorials for their princely dead, the English have made Westminster Abbey a memorial shrine for their kings and statesmen and distinguished citizens, Americans have built great monuments to commemorate their honored dead; but these are fixed and local. Not one will compare with the memorial of the Lord's Supper in its universality, beauty, and meaning.

Only a master mind could conceive such an institution. Take the emblems: Bread is a common essential article of food among all peoples. Many of the earth's poor have meat only occasionally and never pie and cake, but bread is their staff of life; and the rich never dine without it. The grape bears its luscious fruit under the tropical sun and in the temperate zones and even amid the scanty summer vegetation of the far north. The bread and the grape are within the reach of all mankind at a small price. They are universal and that is why our Lord chose them.

Why should we observe this feast? Immediately the answer rises: because Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." That is true, but he does not command as a tyrant; and, if we obey for duty's sake, our act loses all its spiritual significance. The command was given for our good. It is just a marker along life's highway to guide us; and we should greet it with joy as we would a trail marker if we were lost on an American road. Greet it with joy and proceed and it will guide you the way of brightness and beauty into nearness with God.

We should keep the memorial for love's sake. I knew a woman whose sister's body rested in the cemetery and she erected a memorial there and went every week to the grave with flowers and tears. It was because of love. We treasure letters and photos and mementos of friends and relatives because we love; and love should be a sufficient reason to draw every child of God to the Master's table.

Here we have fellowship one with another and with the mystic presence of our Savior. We should idealize the fellowship about the Lord's table, and keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." It is said that on one occasion the Duke of Wellington went into a little chapel to worship, and it was the custom there to kneel at the altar to take the communion. The Duke went forward and knelt and there came a poor peasant and crowded up against him. An usher seeing this rushed to the peasant and said, "Move over. This is the Duke of Wellington. Give him room." And then the great Duke put his arm around the peasant and said, "My Brother, stay just where you are. There are no dukes here."

The Lord's supper should remind us that there is neither high nor low, there is neither rich nor poor, there is no enemy; but all are one in Christ Jesus; and, "Hereby do we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."

Some have said to me, "I must not go to the communion table, for I am unworthy, and I would be condemned." That is the more reason why they should go. They are conscientious. If their heart condemn them God is greater than their heart, and they are condemned, if they stay away. This is the place of examination and reconsecration. Paul writes, "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." No person should partake of this memorial until he has first examined himself and repented of his sins, remembering that, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Then we are ready to partake. I believe Jesus had this in mind when he instituted the ordinance. Oh, what a power for good it would be, if every church member would come once a week to this place in penitence and prayer. We would all live better and there would be fewer backsliders. Let us be ashamed, if we partake of this ordinance as a ceremony, not discerning the Lord's body, and neglecting our soul cleansing.

We should be praying and resolving with all the might of our being as we take of the bread and the wine, the symbols of our Lord's body and (Continued on page 4, column 2.)
AN OPEN LETTER TO BIBLE SCHOOLS

My Dear Coworkers:

Half of the missionary year is gone. Two days out of the four special days are left to bring up your full apportionment as a school. I am glad that some of the schools have reached the halfway mark. We thank you for this expressed spirit of co-operation. There are a few schools that have taken only one offering. I am sorry, but you can by an extra effort reach your quota in the remaining special days. There are still other schools that have not taken a single offering. This is painful. We hope you will not be listed with the non-giving schools this year. You have Easter and Children’s Day left. Take this matter up with the school, tell the need, urge each teacher, officer and pupil to make a sacrificial offering on each of the remaining days.

Do you not want to share with those who are trying to give a little comfort to those who have about spent their resources in the extension of the Kingdom of God? Do you care whether or not that old worn-out minister or missionary finds succor for the few hours left in their day? Will your school give with those who are striving under God, to do their full part through the Department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society, to preach the gospel to every creature? It is to raise the offering for ministerial relief. CHILDREN’S DAY—offerings for those in other lands.

If the Bible Schools and Christian Education in your state by making this a direct appeal to the local schools and superintendents, we would reach our full apportionment of $3,000.00. Send for the Easter and Children’s Day program on time, take the offering and report promptly to:

Department of Religious Education
P. H. Moss
Secretary of Religious Education
Dallas, Texas

Easter Sunrise Service

IF THERE is no other organization within the church to lead and foster a sunrise prayer meeting on Easter, then let the Sunday school take this delightful responsibility. This year there are some very definite things that are going to happen. Hundreds of these early services will be held. The day will be better, the atmosphere will be more spiritual and the soul-winning results larger if this early prayer service is held. A day begun in prayer cannot help but end in victory. A suggested order of service may be had from the United Society—Illustrated by N. G. Wuenocher.

AFTER EASTER, WHAT?

Every wide-awake Sunday school has definite plans for Easter. There is preparation and prayer for a large attendance, offering, and additions to the church. Whenever I ask my minister friends, "How did you succeed with your Easter program?" the answer is, "We had a Sunrise Service." Therefore, let your pastor and your Sunday school hold a Sunrise Service this year. This is needed over America. What about a Sunrise Service in your school?

PENNIES FROM LITTLE THINGS

The Sunday schools of America will want to participate to help make this a Bible-reading revival. Through the laying of the foundation in the schools, children will be urged to follow the daily reading in their own Bibles.Others can be provided with penny portions of Luke and Acts from the American Bible Society depositories.

The Sunday school is interested in the distribution and teaching of the Bible. As one of the Pentecost aims for the fifty days, why not enlist your school in this reading plan?

IF I WERE A SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

If I were a Sunday school superintendent there are some very definite things I would do from Easter to Pentecost in commemoration of the nineteen hundredth birthday of the church.

First, I would commit every member of my Sunday school to attendance for the eight Sundays. This I would do by a signed pledge. Miss Chandler has done a fine piece of work. I would ask each member to sign a card promising to attend every Sunday. I would urge the school to honor this pledge. I would ask each member to sign a pledge. I would ask each member to sign a card promising to attend every Sunday.

Second, I would plan for the greatest missionary offering of the year on Children’s Day. What about a Sunrise Service on Easter? Since the nineteen hundredth birthday of the church occurs on Pentecost, June 8, I would urge the school to honor this...
The actual necessities of life to the 425 devoted servants of our churches, who are honored members of the Ministerial Relief roll, will be provided this year on April 20, Easter Sunday, through the offerings of our Bible schools and churches.

Easter is a fitting season to remember the ministers, their widows and the missionaries who, having given their substance, their energy and their all to our churches, find themselves without provision in their old age. It is those who gave life to countless people during their ministry, who interpreted life in our churches, and who followed the life of Christ in their deeds, who are in the season when new life is promised to the world. At a time when the seeds they sowed are beginning to bring forth fruit, it is especially appropriate that these aged people should be furnished with the means of life in their last years.

There are 201 ministers on the roll, 207 widows of ministers, and 17 missionaries. The total administrative ministry of the preachers alone amounts to 15,452 years, an elongated Christian era in which their baptisms have been, conservatively estimated at 429,499. The total churches organized by the 97 preachers who accepted such service numbered 609; the earnest hearts of whom were not asked this question. The average salary of ministers on the roll during their active ministry, whose average monthly payment is $25.14, an amount which falls far short of their actual needs. Their average age is 73 years while that of the 207 widows of ministers, whose average monthly relief is $20.90, is 66.

The days of Ministerial Relief are numbered. With the operation of the Pension Funds not expected but the need of generous support is now greater than ever. Let us prove to these 425 veteran ministers that our hearts are not in vain; that there is reality in Christian fellowship and gratitude in Christian hearts.

NO DISTINCTION AT WASHINGTON CONVENTIONS!

On February 12th, 1939, the Joint Executive Committee passed unanimously a motion accepting the following resolution: 

"To avoid unnecessary embarrassment as respects the Pentecostal Celebration in Washington. It is stated that the representatives of the U. C. M. S., holding membership on The Joint Executive Committee, be submitted to The Joint Executive Committee, at its next meeting, complete information as to the registration, entertainment and freedom of access, and participation by Negroes (who attend) in Convention Hall or other places utilized for convention purposes, at The Pentecostal Celebration.

The following statement comes from the chairman of the Joint Executive Committee for publication in The Plea in response to the above resolution:

THE WASHINGTON CONVENTIONS IN PROGRESS

Word has come from the committee of the International Council of Organization World Convention to be held in Washington in October that there will be no distinction made between the Negro delegates. They will be registered just as other delegates and they may be seated just as other delegates. They will be expected to look after their own entertainment in the same way as other delegates.

State conventions are entitled to send delegates to the convention. No questions on the part of the International Convention, and I hope the States will avoid themselves mere of this privilege than they have hitherto.

The World Convention will be made up of delegates from all over the world. It is not a mass meeting and no doubt we should not send more than two representatives of the various organizations. More will be said of this later on.

J. B. Lehman, Chairman Joint Executive Committee.
The Grace of Knowing Our Opportunity

The greatest tragedies in human history are the tragedies that came because men did not see their opportunities. If the ruling Jews had seen what Jesus could do for them and they had fallen in line under his leadership, the display of the world's civilization would have been in their hands to this day. They did not see it and lost out forever.

It was this thought Jesus had in mind when he was at the house of Mary and Martha. Martha was what we would call a good housekeeper and kept up her home in a neat condition. Her fault was that she could see no further than the things present. She had none of the vision of the prophet. Mary, on the other hand, saw clearly that here was a man who had his hand on the ages and she sat at his feet and let him teach her.

This, then, is a great lesson for us. At every convention we see the dishwashers and the prophets. That is, there are those who see only the offices to be filled and, the honors to be had and the profits to be derived. They see this so clearly that they cannot see any further than the things present.

But under their lack of vision they could not succeed if everything were given in their hand. On the other hand the prophets knew that in the end all will come out right and they can afford to wait till all will come out by its natural development. This is what we are called to do.

Now to apply all this. The Negro Disciples of Christ have an opportunity to do a work that no others can do. The Baptists have a church on every plantation in the South but they have no such an opportunity as this. They cannot associate with the church of the South. They can have no fellowship with the Baptist church of the North, except to get a ‘ribbon’ out from them. But the Negro Disciples of Christ can here buy the ground-work of a relationship that will yet be the model in India and South Africa.

But you say the Negro must take an inferior position. Yes, that is true till such time as the leading Negroes envision their opportunity. No man is given a commanding place for the sake of giving it to him. No man can be kept from a commanding place if he sees the better part as clearly and values it. If our Negro Disciples would see as clearly as Paul saw, and if they would go about it as meekly as he went to his task, people would come from China and India to see them do it. Before we can fill a larger place in the great work of the Disciples of Christ we must make ourselves humble.

If I Were a Sunday School Superintendent

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glorious anniversary by bringing a worthy gift for the children in lands afar.

Third, I would plan for a decision day on Pentecost. For the seven weeks, previous, I would talk, pray, and plan for this, that if possible every person old enough to do so, would be a member of the church.

Fourth, I would get the whole school committed to the reading of Luke and Acts, a chapter daily, for the fifty days. To help in this, I would have many copies sufficient to give each person one.

Fifth, I would put all the officers, teachers, and other key people behind this and the children to do their part.

I would get some enthusiasm myself on this great program now before our Brotherhood and then seek to pass the fire on to others.

Prayer and Evangelism

By Barclay Meador

Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them.—The Master

E V A N G E L I S M is the proclamation of the good news from God to man. Prayer, in connection with the spread of the news, is communion with God concerning the undertaking to build his Kingdom on the earth; an undertaking initiated by Jesus Christ. The word, "prayer and preaching," is an expression that understood, depends upon God, but in the processes incident to human experience, depends first upon men who are willing to be used by God and secondly upon men who are willing to accept the terms of salvation.

Since God related the one to the other, he decreed that both should be employed by his messengers in exalting men under this banner. "Evangel—preaching of the word, the seed—truth, is sown in the soil of the human heart. By prayer, the spiritual energy of heaven is called down that the seed may be made to germinate and grow.

The Ground of Paul's Belief in Prayer

When Paul said, "Pray that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified," he borrowed language from the Greek races with which he had become familiar during his sojourns at Corinth and his brief visit at Athens.

He had observed that contestants on the race course were divested of clothing that might impede progress. He had also observed how the race course was cleared of obstacles. He knew that the owners of the race track had been instrumental in having obstacles removed. He was persuaded that God, the owner of all the highways to the hearts of men, could have them cleared.

Obstacles and obstacles are as much in evidence today as in Paul's time. The obstacles of narrowness, of selfishness, and a neglect of prayer are the destruction can prevail against them.

Paul believed that the Word of God had in it the power of God, as every word spoken should have in it the power and personality of the speaker; he believed that God was a worker together with God so also that God was a worker with him; and, moreover, that a line of communication should be maintained by prayer. Therefore, he said to his brethren, "Pray."

Praying and Prayer

To the Corinthians who were more or less under the influence of a philosophy that regarded the preaching of the gospel as foolish, Paul declared that it was through preaching that God purposed to save the world. His words, according to Moffatt's translation, are:

For when the world with all of its wisdom fails to know God, he consents to save believers by the sheer folly of the Christian message.

"Prayer and preaching work together," says a great preacher, who makes interesting comparisons:

Prayer speaks to God; prayer speaks to man for God.

Prayer seeks to bring God to man; preaching speaks to man for God.

Prayer moves God toward man; preaching persuades man to seek God.

Prayer makes known to God man's request; preaching reveals to man God's mind and will.

Praying is doing the practical work which man can do: prayer is asking for what God only can do, and which is necessary to the success of that which man can do.
Editor's note: Honor to Whom Honor" reborn faithfully or shared the ice age or failing health.  
Fund List as a result of that event vide the necessities of his existence.  
years ago he was placed on the roll of the church, to receive a days are almost finished. Two years, whose eyes are dimmed with has been very poor in the last few years.  
approaching age, and whose active come and go, his strength is go-  
ber the days in Georgia and Florida.  
Born in Leon County, Florida, in  
his ministry in Thomasville, and  
baptized by him--many of them in  
creeks or rivers in the summer-  
were following Him, and others  
when his health failed, when his eyes grew  
salary from these young churches was never laid away  
regularly, he did not have money laid away  
weak, and he became too old to preach  
without a means of support upon the death  
of their husbands, and for 17 missionaries, who are spending their last days on home  
souls on the roll. Without it they would be subjects of charity and  
only after days of prayer that the  
shall feel with Paul, "...I shall also say with Paul,  
strengtheneth me."  
 Easter Hope.  
HE IS not here, but is risen." Ever since the first Easter, the hope of eternal life has ani-  
mated human struggle, fortified man and women  
against their adversaries, proved its power to create  
Christlike character and inspire lofty human service.  
Faith and reason lead us to the empty tomb on each recurring Easter Day. They have a single mes-  
agе for all believing hearts. "He is not here, but  
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question, "If a man die shall he live again?"  
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Broadcasting Local News

“What Thou Seest, Write . . . and Send it to the . . . Churches”—Rev. 1:11.

“AND IT CAME TO PASS”
(From The Banks of Old Kentucky)
By C. H. Dickerson

After six years’ service with the grand old, historic Lexington Church the writer has “felt” called—something “tugging at his coat tail”—to another field. Lexington is no mean city; couldn’t be here in the heart of Fayette County with Blue Grass too well known to need description. The Lexington folks have been good to us and will stand by the next man. He, however, must be a “hustler,” going ahead or he’ll get “run over.”

Wasn’t Greece the head of Europe, and Athens the head of Greece, and Pericles the head of Athens? Just so with this church; it claims some four hundred members here, elsewhere, good, bad, different, indifferent, lazy, crazy, able and disable! A splendid working force—as loyal and true as may be found anywhere. I am told, and I believe it, that when the preachers got word “Go ye into all the world!” most of them rushed to the station saying “gimme a ticket for Lexington. Political, Racial and Denominational atmosphere in Lexington would readily yield “As You Like It.” No better place on earth to live! Here they make or break the man, for better or worse! They have the flowers here in Lexington. We are glad to recommend tithing to churches that are working nicely. Bro. T. M. Cooper is able to lead. His coat tail—”to another field. Lexington has “felt” called—something “tugging at his coat tail.”

NEWS ITEMS FROM WICHITA, KANSAS
Elder J. K. Hicks, Pastor
W. A. Scott, Reporter

Dear Christian Plea Readers:
Our pastor, Elder J. K. Hicks, and officers have been pursuing a course by which we hope to repair the church. Our pastor is laboring hard and has received pledges to the amount of approximately $800. We are yet climbing in Wichita and hope to keep in sight of the brotherhood and its program.

Three of the members of Indian Avenue attended the Leadership Training School in January, promoted by the Christian churches of Wichita. We can now say the Bible school is on its way to success under the leadership of Brother J. H. Butler, its superintendent. The Christian Endeavor, under the leadership of Miss C. Francis Neal, the president, has a bright future ahead of it. Mrs. P. F. Fort is president of the Aid Society and is doing a commendable piece of work. It may be said that our church work is making splendid progress under the leadership of Elder Hicks. We have had some real winter here, and of course that has made some difference. In spite of this the membership is facing the future courageously.

Sister Ada Maytrey is much improved at this writing. She is one of our loyal workers who has been on the sick list. We were glad to welcome our pastor’s wife, Mrs. C. H. B. Hicks, who has extended visit on the coast of Texas. We have sixteen members, including the pastor, on our tithing list. We are able to announce that our entire membership is tithing. Wonderful progress has been made and we are glad to recommend tithing to churches that experience financial trouble.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
REPORT OF EAST TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION

By Mrs. W. A. Scott, Johnson City, Tenn.

The East Tennessee Christian Churches have just closed a very successful District Convention at Bristol, Tennessee on February 14-16. The meeting was considered a success from every angle. The hospitality of the Bristol people is well known. Every ministration was greetly for 17 years. Like the Sheep is Aesop's Fable. Let us hear more about A 'collar'. 'An army of lions led by General Grant and General Lee had its ups and downs. Some times a lion was turned into a sheep, and a sheep was turned into a lion. However, we now occupy a very attractive location on a beautiful hill. The building is one erected under the leadership of Elder G. H. Bundy, Pastor.

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Lincoln Institute An Opportunity
(Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky)
By Hugh S. Calkins

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Lincoln Institute is one of the best equipped colored schools in the nation. It is a four-year High School and an accredited Junior College. Its credits are accepted by standard colleges in other states. It provides full opportunities for many applicants for their respective positions. It has a library of nearly 8,000 volumes, approved for High School and Junior College work.

The Institute seeks students of such spirit as will go forth from its halls definitely to help solve the problems of their race. Parents should not send their children to the Institute for purposes of reform. Such are not accepted.

While the expense for a year is less than in many other schools, it should be remembered that Lincoln Institute requires the students to spend fifty-five weeks, and then, in the majority of cases, it has to provide labor, often at a loss to itself, whereby the student may earn a good part of the cost of his two dollars.

It will easily be seen that the Institute must insist on prompt payment of all bills, and that it entitles a large number of supporting donors.

The Institute has graduated 217 students from full course in fourteen years.

Morals and Religious Atmosphere

There are few, very few schools in the country whose students are surrounded with the finer moral influences than one finds at Lincoln Institute. The school is located in the midst of the Bible belt of the country. The larger towns and the cities, or even mountain villages near Lincoln, are not the best environments. Lincoln affords protection for its boys and girls that very few homes can supply. The boys and girls are not exposed to many of the temptations to which they would be exposed even in walking to and from school. Those habits are good and essential to students of high school age.

It is in every influence here, all distinct, that contribute to the wholesome atmosphere of the Institute.

First there is the student church. The President, the faculty, and faculty all contribute to its activities. The church is extensively supplied, including Bible School. The particular missionaries are chosen to represent the interest of the fellowship. Surely if the Spirit of Christ come they will be swept out of the Church's life just as the evil spirits were driven out by the Master and they will be replaced by beautiful friendship and affection which will make the moving from victory unto victory.

Truly we cannot have a reproduction of the Pentecost unless we carry out the pentecost traditions. Could we do a more fitting thing this year in our United Society missionary activity than to bring a great love gift from the heart of our Church inspired by the Spirit of Christ as an offering of loyalty and love to our King, and lay it once more at the feet of Christ's workers, and send them forth heartedly to their tasks?

Another Social Goes Over "Big"
(From page 7, col. 3)

Another great result of the coming of the Spirit in power was the character and beauty of the fellowship. Surely if the Spirit of Christ comes to each of the local church and in the life of our organized enterprises will fall into the background.

In the face of a fresh vision of Christ upon the cross and of a needy world for which he gave his life how can these trivial and un-Christian attitudes prevail? If the Spirit come they will be swept out of the Church's life just as the evil spirits were driven out by the Master and they will be replaced by beautiful friendship and affection which will make the moving from victory unto victory.

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Twelfth Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ

To Be Held With
THE OAKWOOD BOULEVARD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Chicago, Illinois
AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 3
Convention Theme—PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

Text—And I will lift you up from the earth, will draw all men unto me—John 12:32.

Monday, August 27
10:00 Meeting of the Joint Executive Committee.
2:00 Group Conferences.
8:00 Local Program of Welcome.
9:10 Music.
9:30 Report of Officers: Mrs. Susan Offutt, O.
9:40 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Tuesday, August 28
Woman’s Missionary Convention
Mrs. William Alphin, President
9:00 Devotionals—Apostolic Women, Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Ark., Mrs. A. Staples, Md.
9:15 Appointment of Committees, Mrs. W. Alphin, Pres.
9:30 Report of Officers:
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Susan Offutt, O.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. C. W. Mayberry, Okla.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. L. Herod, Ind.
Supt. of Children’s Work—Mrs. H. B. Hutson, Ky.
Field Secretary—Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs
10:30 Special Music.
10:35 President’s Message and Report, Mrs. W. Alphin, Mo.
11:00 Address—Women’s Response to the World Call, Miss M. Bedford, Ky.
11:10 Address—Missions Information Necessary to Missionary Growth, Miss J. K. Spencer, Va.
11:30 Address—Women and Pentecost, Miss Alma E. Moore, Mo.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Tuesday Afternoon
2:00 Devotionals—With Jesus and His Disciples, Mrs. E. Dyson, Mo., Mrs. L. Devine, Ky.
2:15 Conference—The Missionary Program of the Church, Mrs. H. Singleton, Mrs. R. Grubbs,
3:30 Special Music.
3:40 Address—Recruiting the Teen Age Girls for Missionary Endeavor, Miss L. O. Christmas, Miss.
4:10 Business Period.
Report of Committees
4:40 Report of Joint Executive Committee.
5:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Tuesday Evening
8:00 Devotionals—And She Constraining Us, Mrs. Cynthia Martin, Ill., Mrs. M. G. Haygood, Ala.
8:15 Special Music, Oakwood Boulevard Church Choir.
8:20 Scripture Study, Eld. C. E. Craggett, Mo.
8:30 Music.
8:35 Invocation, Eld. I. C. Franklin, Miss.
8:40 Address—The Response of Our Women to the Pentecostal Program, Mrs. H. G. Smith, Tex.
9:00 Music, Oakwood Boulevard Church Choir.
9:40 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Wednesday, August 29
Religious Education Department
Prof. T. W. Pratt, President
9:00 Devotionals—These Things Command and Teach, A Jef feries, Ala.
9:15 Appointment of Bible School and Christian Endeavor Committees.
9:45 Report of States.

Wednesday Afternoon
2:00 Devotionals—The Child and the Church, Mrs. R. E. LaTouche, Ill.
11:05 Address—The National Birthday Bank in the Local School, Mrs. P. H. Moss, Kan.
11:15 President’s Address—Prof. T. W. Pratt, Tex.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening
8:00 Devotionals—A Little Child Shall Lead Them, Mrs. R. E. Hancock, Ky.
8:15 Address of the Christian Endeavor President, Eld. P. A. Cary, Mo.
8:35 Echoes of the World Sunday School Convention, Prof. Pratt, Tex., Prof. Moss, Kan.
9:40 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Thursday, August 30
Eld. P. A. Gray, President
9:00 Devotional—Let No Man Despise Thy Youth, Eld. S. C. Devine, Ky.
9:15 Business Period:
Unfinished Business of Bible School Department.
Unfinished Business of Christian Endeavor Department.

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Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

AMONG THE BIBLE SCHOOLS

BESSIE E. CHANDLER, ELEMENTARY SUPT.

A Beginning

Magnolia Conference

A T THE third annual Young People's Conference, now known as the Magnolia Conference, held at the S. C. I., we began our work serving as a teacher in this Conference. The spirit that existed during these seven days can scarcely be surpassed anywhere. Every Conference-ite and faculty member readily and willingly cooperated in every activity of the day's schedule.

At the close of the Conference this year nine pupils were graduated of whom we are exceedingly proud. We are now looking forward to a greater and larger Conference next year under the leadership of the new president, Miss Fannie Lee.

Piedmont School

After spending a few days at Nashville, we left for Martinsville, Va., where we assisted in the second Leadership Training School for the Piedmont District. The school opened on June 12 for a week of real work and study in teacher training. Each day the classes and lectures became more interesting and beneficial. The school enjoyed the lectures on "The Social Teachings of Jesus," given each day at chapel period by Prof. J. H. Thomas. These addresses furnished much food for thought.

At the recreation hour, which was a required part of the school work, the students and teachers were full of pep and energy to utilize the time profitably. Many games, stunts and entertainment features were put on by the group under leadership that would be suited for the church.

At the evening sessions a series of Conferences on Missionary Endeavor were held by Mrs. Ross Brown Grubbs. The women attended regularly each evening. The evening services were well attended and all enjoyed the inspiring sermons preached by some ministers of the district. On Friday evening twelve students were awarded credit cards.

We feel that the school was a great success and appreciate the assistance of the visiting ministers.

Ohio School

Immediately after leaving Martinsville, the team journeyed to Dayton, Ohio, to conduct another School of Methods. We arrived on Sunday and worshiped morning and evening with the Norwood Ave. Christian Church.

On Monday morning at 9:00 the school began with an enrollment just under twenty. The week was well spent in intensive leadership training study; all students working diligently to gain all possible information that would tend to help them become efficient leaders in their local churches.

The recreational period was immensely enjoyed by all, teachers, students, teachers' friends and other friends who came in. Again there was the design to give those games and plays that could be utilized in the local church social programs.

Each evening a large number of women and others enjoyed the Conferences conducted by Mrs. Grubbs on the various phases of the missionary work. At the close of the conferences and the worship period the audience was greatly benefited by a series of addresses given by Eld. Small of "Cooperation in Kingdom-Building." After a week in this school, over twelve received the credit certificates. We appreciate the hospitality of the members and friends who made it very pleasant for the group.

As we spent two days in St. Louis, at which time we worshiped with the Centennial Church on Sunday morning, I found the Bible School well organized and progressing fine. We left with the group to attend the first Mid-West Young People's Conference.

Mid-West Conference

On Monday immediately after a faculty meeting, the students were all registered. Our group was small in number but strong in talent and enthusiasm. We spent a profitable week in study, wholesome recreation and spiritual development, everyone including the community people cooperating to make the Conference a success. The students entered heartily into all the activities, the classroom work, chapel exercises, setting-up exercises, competitive sports, vespers and social activities. Each afternoon the wanjis and accompanying wietas were led into splendid competition under the leadership of Mr. Baldwin, recreational director. The enthusiasm and competitive spirit ran high each afternoon. At night, the Conference and friends enjoyed a series of social activities all varying in general make-up, under the leadership of Miss Margaret Spray.

Each day's program tended toward the development of the fourfold life of the students. The Jesus Way of Life was ever kept before the group in the vespers lectures, morning watch, group devotions and chapel services.

At the close of the week, the faculty felt proud of the success of this Conference and we are looking forward to a greater and better one next year. Our slogan is "'29." We are now assisting wih Mr. Dale Bouggess as the efficient leader and the cooperation of the students we shall reach the goal.

Vacation Church School

Vacation season has now arrived and the writer with Mrs. Deetsy L. Gray, is at this writing out in Roanoke, Va., conducting a Vacation Church School. The school opened July 9th with an enrollment of 66 children. At the close of the second day there was an increase and 80 had started with the prospect of rapid growth during the first week. The principal, Mrs. Gray, and teachers are planning great things for the children and are planning a fine school during the entire four weeks.

The school is a cooperative one, four Methodist churches cooperating with the Christian Church. Truly the spirit of unity is growing fast.

NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

PASTOR—ELD. J. F. WHITFIELD,
ROANOKE, VA.

REPORTER—MISS A. D. PENN

E. D. W. H. TAYLOR of Balti-
more, Md. passed through Roanoke, June 29th and delivered a wonderful sermon on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit" Acts 1:5. All were glad to have Eld. Taylor.

The dinner given by the Minute Men's Club June 29th was a great success.

The Ninth Ave. Church is glad to welcome Mrs. Nannie and Miss Alice Turner back into our midst. Mrs. Turner has been indisposed and recently underwent a serious operation in New York City.

The Centennial Club wishes to announce that "Every Youth" a morality in three acts was a great success to the extent that $80.00 were raised on the night of its production. The club has made a name for itself and feels that it has bettered the community by putting on a play. It will be repeated both here and in the vicinity at a very early date.

The evangelistic Campaign which was conducted by Eld. William Martin of Johnson City, Tenn., was a success financially and spiritually. Fourteen people were added to the church.

The District Convention is approaching and every department of the church is working in order to make a favorable report. The Bible School has a National Convention Contest.
SEVEN DEADLY SINS

IV. Knowledge Without Character

"'Knowledge is power,' is a noted saying. The ability to grasp the fundamentals is not confined to those who have finished a course in some educational institution. Power is to him who can in all things know just what to do and how to do it.

Power in Christian service is vouchsafed him who knows how to serve intelligently. Each new truth fully realized by the individual or the church becomes another bit of power put into their hands. For a long time the church forgot the missionary impetus and there was the Catholic church that was really catholic, including all. Then with the rise of Protestantism, came the real need for missions and the missions' of the church in its program of home and foreign work. The persons who stay at home can by interviewing their delegates and reading the minutes get the full plans of the National Work. By reading the Christian Plea they may often enjoy some of the best addresses of the Convention. The process of getting the ideas of the entire brotherhood was too deputatory to make it count in any constructive program. All of this has been remedied for those who have to do the work of the Christian Plea program of home and foreign work. The persons who stay at home can by interviewing their delegates and reading the minutes get the full plans of the National Work. By reading the Christian Plea they may often enjoy some of the best addresses of the Convention.

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A Christian Service in Cooperation

By J. B. Lehman

We Are Foundation Builders of a New Civilization

"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for the city which hath the foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Think of a man whose spiritual head was up in the air like Abraham had his. The ordinary men see only what is transpiring around him, but here was a man who could look up and on to things that were to come. If Abraham could step down to us now and we could with him go over the four thousand years that have come and gone since his day, what a conversation we could have with him about the kingdom for which he was then laying the foundation! We could talk about the fourteen centuries of the Jewish national life. Then we could talk about the nineteen hundred years of the sweep of the kingdom of Christ. Then, he with his wonderful faith, could tell us what is yet to be. What an interview that would be!

But we are in as strategic a position as Abraham was. God has great things in store for the world because of America. It was not discovered until such a time as Europe had progressed sufficiently to begin to reform. Then America became the "spillway" for the martyr-reformers of Europe. The Pilgrims came from England to New England, the Quakers to Pennsylvania, the French Huguenots to almost all the seaboard, the Mennonites and Dunkers to Pennsylvania and Virginia. And into this was introduced the native Africans who did not suffer for their belief but they came in as martyrs of their person. This was accomplished what men would not have done voluntarily; namely, a nation was formed of every nation under the sun. God means for us to work out a situation that can be used as a model throughout the world.

But to accomplish our task we must lift up our heads and look beyond the little difficulties of our day. The great majority of the people of thinking but to carry on the old feuds that have come down to us through the centuries. Look at what the denominations are thinking about. It is nothing but to carry on the quarrel started in Europe three and four hundred years ago. Look at what the political parties are thinking about. It is very largely what was started in the first fifty years of our nation. How the Republicans want to carry on the quarrel Alexander Hamilton started. And then look at the relation of the colored people and white people. Lynching is nothing but carrying on a quarrel that started in the reconstruction period, and that was a quarrel that started in slavery times. With those people who are not living by faith the old quarrels have become instinc-tive and they are going wholly by impulse and not by purpose.

Then how are we to get a better situation? Our only hope is prophets. We need men and women who can raise their heads above the little instinctive quarrels of the past. We need leaders who will feel that they are civilization builders. Our trouble in race relations is why due to what our fathers did. If we are not careful we will carry down to our children just as bad a situation as our fathers gave down to us. We can settle nothing of the past. Our job is to build something new for the future. Then let us forget the old quarrels. But, some one will say, what are we to do if the other fellow will not forget them? Forget it anyway. That is why Christ said we should not do evil for evil. One Abraham is worth ten million Lots. Until America develops a new spirit of politics, a new spirit of business, a new spirit of social relations, a new spirit along all lines, it cannot do much. But we have a fine group of builders at work and they will build a new house for the future. The architects are at work now drawing the blue prints. They are the men and women who are preaching the idealisms. We have a fine group of carpenters and masons who are laying up the walls. They are the teachers and preachers struggling with the people.

Then if this is true, the best that many of us can do is to do what we can to do to prepare architects and builders. Every church should go carefully through every family of its membership and pick out the best-spirited and send them off to school. The U. C. M. S. is spending nearly fifty thousand dollars annually to build schools. Let us cooperate with them and fill these schools with fine boys and girls who will prepare to become leaders in this civilization building enterprise.

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OUR TWELFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
MRS. WILLIAM ALPHIN, PRESIDENT
OF W. M. S. CONVENTION

Mrs. William Alphin, President, that they are planning to come. It should be a great joy to each of us to come up once a year and report what we are doing at the home base to keep the gospel fires burning around the world.

It is not a time of big speech-making of what I have done in the past years, but the burning question should be, “What am I doing today?” “Am I interested in the program of the church?” “Am I enough interested to help in every department and the church proper to see that each one has reached its goal?”

If our programs have failed this year—who is to blame? May we each ask himself and herself, “Lord, is it I?”

If we come to the convention with notebook and pencil to jot down the information that we need to strengthen our weak spots and then go home with a will to work and do our best with the new ideas and enthusiasm received from the addresses and reports; we will have gone another round in Christian stewardship.

This year, at the request of Miss Daisy June Trout, we are having a number of Conferences beginning Aug. 25 on Saturday at 8 a.m. and lasting all day Saturday and Sunday p.m. We are asking each state president and secretary to be in Chicago, Friday night in order to be ready to the morning experience. We shall expect all national officers and the local presidents will be welcome. Shall we make this first conference our best? We do not have time to thrash out everything in the day allotted the women. So in the conferences, we may ask questions and discuss our chief difficulties and problems.

The women’s sessions will be the first day of the Convention starting on Tuesday a.m. and consuming the entire day. Come and bring all you can, that as we come up from the states, we may return to the states with a new vision of kingdom-building and be able to pass it on to those who could not come.

There is one thing of which we may be sure, absolutely sure, and that is that no program on a day be affected if the New Testament is ignored. Union by any thing else will not last a day.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KY.
REPORTER—ELD. C. H. DICKERSON,
LEXINGTON, KY.

MAY your servant in all kindness call attention to at least two grave errors in the July Christian Plea, page 3, article “The Lame Walk.”

The anonymous writer uses Good-speed’s translation which recalls what Pat said of prohibition, “Faith it beats no kicker at all.” So I think of that translation.

But the attempt to comment “flies the coop.” Among the false conclusions drawn is the statement, “the Disciples, baptism has come to mean immersion and immersion alone to the Disciples.” Is that so? When did baptism come to mean immersion? Has it not always meant immersion since Pentecost? But he again waffles when he says it means “immersion alone.” Verily it means immersion as well. We never leave one immersed in the water, but raise him up therefore signifying the resurrection from the dead. To leave one immersed would be criminal.

The writer of the article in question uses the third person, then the first person then arrives at this false conclusion, “The question is really one of church usages and not one of human conversion.” Now what do you think of that? The whole argument forgets that all the healing of Jesus while on earth was done “under the law of Moses,” before the Christian Dispensation—hence Christian baptism has no relation to the facts the writer mentioned. Jesus lived and died under the Mosaic Law. These seven eures, the writer cites were physical cures should not be made to “wake all four.”

I am aware that sometimes we have “Something to say” and sometimes we have “to say something,” but let us be careful that the “filling” fits the “chain” lest we take unwarranted liberties with God’s closed record.

Editor’s Note.—Three grave errors would I point out in the above article, yes four are present therein.

1. The article so mentioned appears on the page always written by the editor and there was nothing anonymous about it. From the inception of the Christian Plea that page has been written by the editor unless credited otherwise. And at no time and under no circumstances has the editor striven to hide the articles written by him under the coat of anony. The editor wrote that one or the other two or three on that page has been doing so for nearly two years.

2. The writer of the above has been guilty of leaving out part of his knowledge when he asks “When did baptism come to mean immersion? Has it not always meant immersion since Pentecost?” Since every historical student knows that for ages when the Catholic church was preeminent, immersion was not baptism. There could well be a quibble over the fact that there was no baptism but the same fellows that argue that call the Catholic institution a church which is a group of baptized believers. If there is to be a quibbling at terms in dogmatics and change of pronoun there might well be in the terms of communions that are accounted churches yet have not meant immersed believers. If baptism meant immersion with its counterpartersion, at Pentecost, directly after Apostolic Christianity, and down unto the present moment, it did not and does not mean immersion, Disciples to the contrary.

3. There was no attempt to draw a long analogy between baptism and physical healings in the original article. Baptism was merely picked as an example of a church usage that has grown such venerable whiskers in its form that form is mistaken for content. The idea of the article was to throw out a suggestion that in spite of the tenacity of the dogmatists and the fluency of the debaters, there might be other avenues of approach to God than through the roads they have hallowly-weathered. This might be methods yet unsanctioned by the green moss-backness of tradition known to Christ to save the souls from the works of the old flesh, superstition and fear. Honored critic, there was no attempt to bring into disrepute the sacred and divine institution of immersion as a form of baptism. I know it is divine and sacred because the Disciples say it is and have been vociferously saying it since A. Campbell.

4. Last, the writer would like to know who gave anyone the right to close God’s record. Inspired men live today, and in a deep devotion, as large a consecration, and as intelligent a manner are opening God’s way that men as ever did. The Disciples declare the glory of God and the permanent union that is en- throned in an ideal for human society is nearer completion than ever before, so Christ and the kingdom are in mankind’s record. He who closes God’s record has as much to answer for as one who dares to use immersion as an illustration. What think you?

S. C. I. CLUB BANQUET

The S. C. I. Club is entertaining the National Convention Friday evening August 31st at 10 M. Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, 729 Oakwood Boulevard.

MENU
Fried Chicken—Green peas
Creamed potatoes—Combination salad
Olives—Celery—Hot Rolls
Pie A la Mode—Fruit punch
Price per plate—$1.00.

Lesly Page, Chairman Publicity Committee.

God’s Angels Guard His Own

God’s angels are a mighty host,
Who do His holy will,
And Father Son and Holy Ghost
Employ them daily still.

They lead, protect and bear.

That we are left alone,
Day and night through all the year
God’s angels guard his own.

—H. W. Pope.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

IN CONSIDERING Church Life it may be wise to consider our National Convention.

I. The National Convention is an agent of the representing states and churches. It is made an agent by the delegations and representatives in convention assembled. These delegates or representatives are bound by their constituency—the churches. They make and give the convention authority. Thus a vital relation exists between the churches and the convention.

The delegates of the churches, or those in any respect representing the church, should be students of the churches' life and program; consecrated servants of the church at all time and places. They should sincerely recognize and fully appreciate confidence and responsibility; granted to represent others is a great compound responsibility bestowed. There is not a more sacred trust, or graver responsibility, than representing, at any time or place, the church of God. The church and its welfare should be held by them preeminently above all else.

The church and the world are perfectly justified in expecting sincere and worth-while service from a Christian convention. It is the last place an informed person would expect to see wilful selfishness or insincere and dishonest proceedings.

II. The National Convention serves the entire church life—the larger church life—where a larger fellowship is made, to build up and support a reliable cooperation to extend H.I.S. Kingdom in the earth. This fellowship and cooperation should be brotherly and Christian—thus reliable. The good of any cause is at least greatly retarded, if not destroyed, when it is largely in the hands of those who for some reason do not recognize, appreciate and freely accept responsibility and confidence. The continuation of building up an unreliable and irresponsible cooperation will not get a good cause anywhere except where it doesn't want to be.

The convention is created and made an agent by the churches. It is subordinate to the expressed will of the churches. It is supported in its endeavors to carry out the expressed will of the churches, by the churches. In carrying on the administration it should be supported by the pastors and churches, by moral influence and financially. Possibly along these lines the machinery of our cooperative work needs adjusting and oiling.

The convention serves the larger life of the church, not by legislation, but by agreed upon methods, builds up a fellowship and cooperation for uniform actions—an effective moral Christian obligation. The convention must receive much from the local church life. There is no other legal resource. The pastors and church promoters of the National Convention. It can be greatly promoted by giving it, in convention assembled, a sane, practical and business-like program for execution and supervision. It is difficult, if at all possible, to make a good administration working by bad plans.

III. From the writer's viewpoint, with increased and larger responsibility each year, the National Convention and its alliances have not taken one backward step. Of course, steps that missed the landing but directed forward.

The Chicago Convention is coming at a critical period, with weighty and vital matters in our organized work. I think this is a fact generally recognized. We must face a grave situation in Chicago. Conditions that must be dealt with for the good of our church life in all its phases. There is inspiration in a great challenge; advantage in disadvantage. If the Chicago Convention will adjust itself to the real situation, and prove equal to the task, it will prove its worth as a servant of the larger church life.

The National Convention is the one clearinghouse of our cooperative work. It is the center from which all our cooperative efforts must radiate. Therefore we should re dedicate ourselves to the task of making the Chicago convention really equal to the situation. To make it the clearinghouse it must be, we should have our own convictions with kindness and tolerance for the convictions of others. No convictions for sale at any price, but for investigation, consideration and comparison. The spirit of the kingdom we represent should be the spirit in which we serve in meeting the situation and real condition.

IV. From my viewpoint I see some matters the Chicago Convention must deal with.

1. To make the convention a democratic convention.
2. The report of the committee respecting the school in Kentucky.
4. Our evangelistic work: The raising and the distribution of the money to support it.
5. Paying the deficit, the Joint Executive Committee was forced to make an account of the convention's failure to redeem its promise to publish the Christian Plea.

The consideration and election of the field workers and appointing of committees, so as to get the most efficient service in the most needy and fertile field.

6. Institutional and sectionalism in institutional and cooperative work.
7. Find a method that will be popular with our pastors and churches and bring out their ability to support our evangelistic and school work.

V. The real need of our larger church life is begging for more than resolutions in the convention. Simple resolutions will not be equal to the task in Chicago. Less resolutions, and faithful loyal actions will accomplish the task and greatly promote the cause. The plans to carry on work is largely made according to the promises and resolutions of the convention. The promises and resolutions of a Christian Convention should be reliable. They should not be ignored and set aside at will. They are moral obligations and have to do with our Christian character.

The constitution provides for one member from each state convention for a member of the recommendation committee of the convention. This member to be elected by the convention or 'state board.' This ought to give full representation from all states and make a wise and efficient clearinghouse for the work.

Also that each state's enrollment fee in the National Convention shall be five dollars for each church representing in the state convention.

If there is uniform action in the state conventions to abide by and carry out the agreement of the National Convention, we will do a constructive and commendable work in Chicago for our larger church life. Shall we work and pray for a good and great meeting in Chicago? We can make it what it should be.

IT IS well to note that in this time of agitation about lynching and a Federal Lynch Law that one whom the South has good reason to consider the embodiment of all the Southern chivalry, was responsible twice of protecting a victim of mob violence and preventing a lynching. I refer to Gen. R. E. Lee, who is credited with these evidences of humanity in Riley's—"'Gen. Robert E. Lee after Appomatox.'" One of the victims was a horse thief and the other was a Negro that wounded a white person.
ARKANSAS
REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK
N. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

WE WISH to report the funeral services of one of the oldest members of the Cross St. Christian Church, Little Rock.

Mrs. Lillie Gillispie departed this life April 17 and was buried April 20. She was a very faithful member and earnest contender for the faith, regardless to the cost. She had planned out the songs and the trend of the sermon she wished her pastor, M. M. Bostick to use at the service, in advance. She had felt that she was nearing her final resting place and had done this over a year previous to her death.

One of her selected songs was "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" and another was "The Old Rugged Cross." Both were fitting as she had been ill for over two years and had borne her affliction as a soldier with confidence in the power of the Cross to save. Her pastor did not fail to preach her funeral.

The pallbearers were T. E. Cole, O. B. Garner, I. Dean and Isaiah Martin. We hope that our loss was heaven's gain.

She is survived by a husband, three nieces, a stepmother and a host of friends who mourn their loss.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.
REPORTER—W. H. MARSHALL

It has been a long time since I have written through the Plea but looking backward over the past and trying to see as far into the future as I can in relation to the cause of Christ, the church at Muskogee is yet a part of the army and is yet on the firing line, which is something to joy in. She knows no retreat but only awaits orders to go.

Eld. Z. H. Howard preached his annual sermon June 11th. It was one of the ablest sermons he has ever delivered to us. Text—Heb. 10:25—Forget not to assemble yourselves together on the first day of the week. The writer was present and it seemed that the entire church took inspiration for the performance of better things in the work of the Master.

The church is planning big things. We are all headed in the same direction and our goals are set which we hope to reach by June 30th and National Convention time.

Mrs. G. B. Williams, one of our beloved sisters, left for Chicago to visit her children. We shall miss her as one of the leaders of our clubs and her presence in the church. We wish her a pleasant and joyful trip.
**JACKSON, MISS.**

**PASTOR—ELD. B. L. JACOBS**

**REPORTER—M. S. BROWN**

Sunday, July 8th, was a high day with us.

Our pastor, Eld. B. L. Jacobs, seems to have been—I started to say his best—but that does not express it since he seemed better than his best. He spoke to an appreciative audience at 11:30 on the subject, "Christian Giving."

We returned at 8:00 for another spiritual feast. The speaker was greeted with many new faces. The subject of the discourse was "Seven Specific Reasons for Christ Coming Into the World."

It was a high day not only spiritually but financially. It was our aim to raise $300.00 and at the morning services $170.00 were raised. Since that time more has come in and raised the total to over $200.00.

Below is a list of the givers and gifts:

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The above given amounts were not begged but were given from the hard earned money of the weekly pay check. The event was such a success that in our board meeting it was adopted as $25.00 Rally Day to occur on the second Sunday in July annually.

**JELLYCO, TENN.**

**REPORTER—HELEN MURPHY**

On Saturday morning, June 9th, the church suffered the loss of one of its most devoted members in the person of Mr. Emmanuel Bush who had been a trustee of the board.

He was faithful and while not a man gifted in speech, yet when he spoke his words carried weight. Mr. Bush suffered much, but his sufferings were true to the Scriptures, since he "was made perfect through suffering." He was highly respected by both colored and white of the community. Through this demise the church suffered severe loss.

He leaves a wife, three daughters, five sons, two grandsons and other relatives in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Elder D. W. Bradley of Rogersville, Tennessee, conducted the funeral services.

**LOUISVILLE THIRD**

**PASTOR—ELD. F. T. FLOYD**

**REPORTER—I. H. HAESTEN**

**CLERK—A. D. COOPER**

Elder F. T. Floyd has been elected the secretary of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.

Our pre-summer rally was campaigned to a great success, netting us $512.00. Hats off to Eld. Floyd for his successful exploits.

Our sixtieth anniversary was held during the week of July 1-8. Each night a profitable program was rendered with a variety of speakers that was enjoyable to all. Eld. Floyd has gone "Over the Top" in his program of church cooperation.

In the course of events the past quarter there has come to us the thrill of happiness, joy, friendship and cooperation but there always lurks a cloud on the horizon of bliss over which we have no control but which overshadows all with a brooding sadness. The event that has saddened our church and cast its shadow over the community happened July 4th in the early morning hours. Our dear sister and lovely character, Mrs. F. T. Floyd, departed in love to the new life in the home "not made with hands" there to await our coming. Her chair is vacant and while anyone may occupy the chair her presence can never be duplicated. Our sympathy goes out to Eld. Floyd, and we extend the helping hand of sincere condolence to the bereaved ones.

**PARSONS, KANSAS**

**REPORTER—ELD. J. D. HENRY, PASTOR**

We, the members of the Morgan Ave. Christian Church of Parsons, Kansas, wish to announce that we are looking forward to the coming of the Kansas State Missionary Convention, Aug. 1-5, 1928 which is to convene with us.

We are asking that every church with or without a pastor, act at once by sending to me the number, name and address of its delegates in order that we may be able to complete our plans by July 25.

We further wish to ask that you bring as few small children as possible.

Remember that the success of the Convention depends on you. Direct all communications to me at the following address: 3217 Morgan Ave., Parsons, Kansas.

Out of the silence, a song; Out of the bud, a rose; Out of the rose, the scent of ageless YOUTH.
**CENTENNIAL COMMENTS**

THE church is proud of some of its exploits under its new leadership. The National Apportionments in all departments were in by the thirtieth of June. This was made possible by a rally which netted over $175.00 on the third and fourth Sundays of June. So the completed account reads thus:

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This is especially fine in relation to the church since it is usually the last organization to recognize and pay its apportionments.

Also the state apportionments are being met as asked for in quarterly payments by the departments. The Bible School is well ahead in its payment having been able to pay some at each District meeting.

Mrs. Ruth Flowers and children have returned from a long and pleasant visit in Mississippi. The trip included the commencement exercises of S. C. I., a visit to Utica Industrial Institute, a short visit to Jackson and Hernamanville, the latter Mr. and Mrs. Flowers' home, and a longer visit to Mrs. Flowers' sister, Mrs. Warren of Laurel, Mississippi.

Mrs. R. B. Grubbs and V. G. Smith are back in town after over a month spent in leadership training agencies under the Religious Education department.

The Bible School and especially the elementary classes enjoyed a visit from the new National Elementary Superintendent, Miss Bessie Chandler who was passing through the city on her way to the Mid-West Young People's Conference.

Disasters of various kinds sadly depleted the number of those who were able to represent Centennial in the Mid-West Young People's Conference. Out of six prospects, summer school, inability to leave job, sickness, accident, and an early marriage cut the list to one who attended. Miss Gladys Givens. But she well represented the best of Centennial among the young people and was a distinct asset to Conference as well as an apt learner who brought back much to the local church.

Another feature of the local church in the way of Conference was the cooperation among the departments in raising the funds for the fees of Conference. The total of fifty-five dollars ($55.00) was raised as follows:

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Such cooperation is unusual to say the least and it is well worthy of an agency that can so get the departments to "undepartmentalize" except in function. The idea that each little department is an organism, complete, entire, independent, in and of itself, has to suffer some changes before the greatest amount of efficiency is obtained in Centennial or any other church. Each department has its special field of activity, "all members have not the same office" yet the divison of office does not prevent all being "the many members of ONE body." Like Jew and Samaritan, so many times these members of the same body have no dealings with each other. Such theory is advocated through conventions, state, district and national as well as through apportionments and missionary giving. However there is a ray of light seen in the cooperation at the top in the working together of the National Field Secretaries in leadership training agencies. Centennial is learning.

Eld. J. J. Green, the associate pastor, has departed to spend the summer in Colorado with his family and to attend summer school. Miss Green has been in that state for about three months for her health.

Mrs. Marion O. Bicham has accepted a place as the supply teacher of the parish of the Bible School since the departure of Miss Portia Payne who is now in summer normal at Jefferson City. Miss Payne teaches in Carondelet, a suburb of St. Louis.

The pastor, Eld. William Alphin, spent some time at his home in Kansas City in July. Eld. W. M. Wilson of Waco, Tex., came to Holland to baptize for Mrs. Davis, and he preached one of the most beautifully illustrated and doctrinal sermons we have ever heard.

May God bless and keep Eld. Wilson.

Mrs. Maude Davis has promised to be with the Davilla Church every Sunday.

**DAVILLA, TEXAS**

**REPORTER—M. F. DAVIS**

SUNDAY July 22 was a great day in Zion. Mrs. Maude Davis preached an inspiring sermon from the subject, "Come unto Me all Ye that Labor"—Matt. 11:28. Four souls were added to the church, three of whom are on the church roll early manhood, and Mrs. Hattie Willis who has been a Methodist for many years and decided that she wished to be a Disciple of Christ.

It was indeed a day of rejoicing when Mrs. Willis came forward as she was a good Christian woman in middle life, a grandmother. She was convinced by Mrs. Davis' plea. When we enter the fields to labor we must be in the right fields to render the right service for Him who said, "Thou shalt be replenished at the resurrection of the Just." On that great day, the paymaster shall reward us as servants who have labored in His fields.

July 29th the Davilla Church was the guest of the Holland Church. Eld. W. M. Wilson of Waco, Tex., came to Holland to baptize for Mrs. Davis, and he preached one of the most beautifully illustrated and doctrinal sermons we have ever heard.

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**EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.**

**REPORTER—ELD. J. M. BAKER, PASTOR**

The revival of the Christian Church at 19th and Ludor Ave. is past and we had a wonderful meeting.

Eld. A. B. Moore was at himself. He was our spokesman throughout the meeting.

The church was greatly revived. On Wednesday night, the brothers and sisters of the white Christian Church with their pastor were present and the minister spoke words of encouragement after hearing the sermon of the evening. There were no additions.

We hold our services every Lord's day, morning and evening. At present we are getting ready for the state convention.

Friends, we hope to accomplish something here in East St. Louis for the Christian brotherhood some day. It seems sometimes that we are alone but with the hope we have in Christ we are trying to weave our way.

Any time anyone would like to get in touch with this church or me, please address your communication to 1906 Division Ave., E. St. Louis, Illinois.
A good deed neither strangles nor smothers.

When we behold in the meadow a carpet of
Drones the love of mothers in the last rest-
property and endowment values of $7,000,-

When we observe the sky so very far away
Blows a trumpet of mothers' love wherever

But if there's a mother, it love we face.
Yet over it all mother's love doth hover.

What a vast sphere Earth does cover!

When we speak of noble deeds, it reminds
us of mothers.

The difficulty that exists between the races
is often made insurmountable by the un-

Whether you can measure up to that stand-
and your religion, for the primary pur-

The presidents of seventeen Methodist
Episcopal Colleges for Negros, in annual
session Thursday at Gammon Theological
Seminary, this city reported an enrollment
of Negro home owners had increased

If the preacher is tempted to leave do-
ctrine out of his sermon he may know that
the devil is trying to prepare it. A seri-
ous delict of doctrine leaves the intellect
unfriendied and a sermon of that kind is a
very poor one.

NATURE OF MOTHER LOVE
Mrs. Maude Davis

In Mississippi last summer a group of the
most prominent women of the state met and
presented to the press a statement in-
culminating a vigorous protest against lynch-
ing, declaring, 'We hold that no circum-
cunstances give license to action, and that
in no instance is it an exhibition of chiv-
asc consideration for the honor of wom-

The program had the hearty support also
for the appropriations to the two schools.

The report. "Where there are separate
Negro schools they are usually a secondary
consideration, with fewer seats in propor-
tion to the white schools, more pupils per
teacher, more double sessions, poorer

The recent session of the legislature es-	ablished a record for the support of Negro
institutions. Kentucky Industrial College at Frankfort was given
$25,000 was appropriated to the Kentucky
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More stringent laws to prevent lynch-
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Negros in certain sections of the State,
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State Interracial Committee in annual ses-
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were heard from many quarters, and a
fine spirit of optimistic cooperation was
evident. On the other hand, certain un-
favorable reports were brought out and
frankly faced, and plans were formulated.

NEGRO MIGRATION

Contrary to the general impression, the
report reveals that a little more than half
the 520,000 Negro families living in Southern
cities, though the percentage of gain was very much heavier North than South.

Along with this crowding has gone an
abnormally high death rate, particularly
from tuberculosis and pneumonia, and the

The occasion of Dr. Moton's address
was the joint commencement sermon of
Spelman and Morehouse Colleges, which
brought out the largest audience assembled
in the Sisters' Chapel since its dedication
last spring by its donor, John D. Rocke-
feller, Jr.

The race has much in common; in con-
sequence of which they should study each
other and work out their destiny differ-
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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
DEADLY SINS
V. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WITHOUT MORALITY

BESIDES being many other things, the modern world is one large, busy workshop with men and women assuming relationships toward each other and society on a basis purely decided by the relative positions in the economic scale.

For a long time, the rich man or the aspirant for wealth thought he had no obligations to the public from which he drew his wealth. The working man nor the public had any rights that the capitalist or employer was bound to respect. Commerce and industry built its superstructure on the foundation of blood, sweat and heart energy of the working man and embellished its works by unfair and inhuman means. Immorality was not recognized as a part of the processes of the commercial world. Sinning by Syndicate was rampant. Men lived and thrived by the death and degradation of countless others.

But after awhile, there was a distinct reaction and the greatest millionaires became the greatest philanthropists. Endowments, subsidies, support and gifts came from them toward the alleviation of some of the human ills. Hospitals, social agencies, libraries and schools were supported by these men who had taken some of the morality that is social as well as individual.

But the last step is even more in the manner of the Golden Rule. Corporations and employers have come in some instances to see that not only must they care for the cultural needs of those dependent upon them but also the mental, physical and spiritual and social. Efficiency has come to be measured in terms of happiness of the worker as well as in amount of work. Yet even this morality is that of the Pharisees. Holding and giving is very different from holding and sharing. With partnership, there are demands not prayers. So the latter stage is moving toward community ownership in work that is the result of community labor. Employees are serving on the directorial board and holding stock in that to which they time and lives have been given. A Christian morality of cooperation built on common interest and reciprocal love is taking the place of personal donations with the attached thanks method.

Morality is but the underlying operating principle of life. Without a high code of morals, commerce and industry become as devoid of good qualities as the most heinous sin.

"Go sell all thou hast, and give it to the poor and FOLLOW ME."

Some Things About the Race
(Continued from page 10.)

In a community campaign for the building of a Negro hospital in Richmond, the colored people of this city recently pledged $100,000. Efforts are now under way to raise among the white people an additional $100,000. The campaign has the endorsement of the Governor of the State, the Chamber of Commerce, and many prominent white citizens.

Durham, N. C., recently set a precedent in race relations by a public testimonial to the long and meritorious service in the community of Professor William G. Pearson, colored educator, philanthropist, and business leader. An inter racial mass meeting was held under the auspices of a committee appointed by the Mayor, at which the Secretary of Duke University presented to Professor Pearson a handsome cup.

The British Government of the Gold Coast, West Africa, has adopted for the natives of that province the educational methods developed by the Institute, according to Sir Frederick Gordon Guggisberg, former governor of that colony, who was a recent visitor to the South. "Booker T. Washington has not only helped you here in America," Sir Gordon declared, "but his influence has reached out over the whole world. He opened the doors and adopted his ideas." The visitor expressed himself as greatly pleased with the progress made by American Negroes in education and the acquirement of property.

Mayor Walker of New York City recently laid the corner stone of an $85,000.00 home and training school for colored nurses, in connection with Lincoln Hospital for Negroes. "Race discrimination must never have a place in the life of our city," said Mayor Walker. "Every man, woman and child coming to a city hospital must be assured of comfort and the best treatment."

An interesting recent development in Southern cities is the growth of cooperation between local white and colored business organizations, for example, mutually helpful relations between the Chamber of Commerce and the Negro Business League. They are reported from Columbia, S. C., Mobile, New Orleans and other cities. The two groups work together in behalf of municipal improvements, business development, etc.

The South Carolina legislature has recently appropriated $125,000 to the State College for Negroes atOrangeburg, to which there will be added from Federal and other sources $55,000 more, giving the school a budget this year of $177,000. Sixteen years ago its annual income was $5,000.

The Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of Louisville, Kentucky, recently raised $94,000.00 to provide a new building for the Presbyterian Colored Mission in that city. This institution, under the direction of Rev. John Little, has long been recognized as one of the most successful and important enterprises of its kind in the country.

A Carnegie hero medal is being sought for Bud Francis, thirteen-year-old Mississippi Negro who saved the lives of three small children who had fallen into an abandoned well. While spectators screamed helplessly, Bud slid down an iron pipe to the bottom of the forty foot well, pulled the babies out of the water and set them on a ledge, where they were guarded till a basket could be lowered.

"The real problem raised by the Negro in American life is whether our civilization shall have an ethical basis. Is our Christianity vital enough to meet the situation, or must we depend upon the pagan principles of self-interest and dominance by force? This, rather than the fate of the Negroes, is the fundamental question for the white man to answer." R. B. Eleazer.

From 1900 to 1925 there was a shift of 2,100,000 Negroes from the countryside to the cities, more than doubling the urban Negro population, according to an exhaustive study of Negro life and conditions just completed by the Institute of Social and Religious Research. Made under the direction of Dr. T. J. Woolfer, Jr., of the University of North Carolina, the study covers sixteen typical American cities, North and South, and is the first scientific investigation of Negro conditions ever made on anything like a social scale. The report of the investigation has just been issued in a book entitled, "Negro Problems in Cities," which presents the widely drift of Negro population and the resulting problems of friction, congestion, segregation, exploitation, schools, recreation and delinquency.

The second annual convention of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers was held in Charleston, West Virginia, July 23-24.

CHURCH NEWS

Most of the churches in Jefferson and Claiborne Counties are having rally meetings. The Forest Grove Sunday School rally will be on 4th Sunday of this month. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

After Elder Calvert's sermon on second Sunday night at Pine Grove, one soul was reclaimed.

The Lorman Sunday School observed Children's Day on second Sunday.

—Christian Dispatch.

"The last word has not been said about the ordinances." No, certainly; but the first word has been said and that stands. The last word will be based on that.

A church that refuses to grant a vacation to its pastor is doing what it can to stick us out of it. It takes a lot of losing to make a good preacher.

I am apprised by our Chicago group that the S. C. I. L. C. Club is having a banquet during the time of the National Convention, and that they desire me to bid all a most hearty welcome. It goes without saying that I rejoice at what they are doing and I hope every former student of the S. C. I. will do all possible to make it a success.

We have tried our best, to teach our young people very high Christian ideals and we know of no way to cultivate that is better than to have a group in a club and help each other to stand for those ideals out in life where it is harder to stand than when in school.

J. B. Lehman, Pres.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
Convention Program
(Continued from page 1)

10:50 Awarding of the Loving Cup, Mr. R. M. Hopkins, Mo.
10:50 Address—The Christian Quest, To be supplied.
11:10 Address—The Christian Endeavor and Its Objective, Mr. J. W. Alphin, Jr., Mo.
11:30 Address—Pentecost and the Disciples of Christ, Eld. C. H. Dickerson.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon
Church Department

Eld. Preston Taylor, President
2:00 Devotions—Counting the Cost, Eld. O. Zollars, N. C.
3:30 Report of Enrollment Committee.
3:40 Report of Executive Committee.
3:50 Appointment of Committees.
4:00 Report of Superintendent of Missions, Prof. J. B. Lehman, Miss.
4:20 Report of Educational Secretary, Prof. Hugh S. Calkins, Ky.
4:40 Report of Joint Executive Committee.
5:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Thursday Evening
8:00 Devotions—The Master Comes and Calls for Thee, Eld. T. R. Everett, Ky., Tenn.
8:30 Address of President, Eld. Preston Taylor, Miss.
9:00 Special Music.
9:10 Educational Address, Prof. J. H. Thomas, Va.
9:40 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday, August 31
9:00 Devotations—Whom We May Appoint Over This Business, Eld. T. W. Giles, Okla.
9:45 Business Period:
Report of Recommendation Committee.
Report of Other Committees.
Report of Joint Executive Committee.
Unfinished Business.
10:50 Special Music.
11:00 Address—Promoting Pentecost Through a Church Paper, To be supplied.
11:30 Address—The Need of a Spiritual Awakening in Our Church, Eld. H. L. Herod, Ind.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday Afternoon
2:00 Devotions—Study to Show Thyself Approved, Eld. C. H. Dickerson, Ky.
4:00 Report of States.
4:40 Unfinished Business.
5:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday Evening
8:00 Devotions—Preach the Gospel to Every Creature, Eld. I. K. Hicks, Kan.
8:30 Address—Evangelism, Eld. G. K. Lewis, Mo.
9:00 Special Music.
9:10 Sermon, Eld. G. C. Campbell, Ill.
9:30 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Saturday, September 1
9:15 Business Period:
Final Reports.
Report of Joint Executive Committee.
Report of Recommendations Committee.
10:15 Music.
10:25 Address—The New Pension System, Mr. F. E. Smith, Ind.
11:00 Address—The Call of Pentecost to the Layman, Mr. C. L. Welch, Mo.
11:30 Pentecostal Results, Eld. R. H. Davis, O.
12:40 Announcements. Adjournment.

Saturday Afternoon
Recreation, Sight-Seeing

Saturday Evening
Young People’s Evening
Eld. P. A. Gray, President

8:30 Devotions—Youth Preparations, Mrs. E. C. Welch, Ill.
8:15 Echoes from the Youth Convention, Delegates.
8:40 Young People’s Conference, What It Means to Me, Students.
9:20 Offering. Announcements.
9:30 Demonstration of a Social Period for Young People led by Conference Students.

Sunday, September 2
9:45 Model Bible School, Local Supt. and Prof. P. H. Moss.
11:00 Worship Program.
12:00 Offering, Announcements. Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon
3:00 Communion services.

Sunday Evening
6:30 Model Christian Endeavor, Local President and Eld. P. A. Gray.
8:00 Worship Period.
8:45 Closing features.
9:00 Offering, Announcements. Benediction.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS
VI. Science Without Humanity

Soon after the war, Prof. Lewis, a chemist, discovered a poisonous gas that will kill a victim even if only applied to his skin. It passes through clothing, through masks, through everything but a coat of grease. It is tasteless, odorless, and transparent. It can be placed in bombs and loosed from aeroplanes. It is deadly with no relief. Such is science.

Battleships that can carry fifty to ninety aeroplanes are being constructed. Dirigibles that can remain aloft a week are being built. Aeroplanes that have incredible speed and endurance are the property of every government. High explosives, projectiles and guns are being built with all the added equipment that makes for destructive warfare. Science is at the bottom of it all. The simple principles of science that are being discovered and applied become the basis of all that is unholy in war.

Crime has utilized the automobile, the machine gun, the aeroplane, nitro-glycerine, pistols, and T. N. T. in its course. Poison forms the bulk of “first degree” murders. These too are applications of modern science.

On the other hand all of medicine, all of hygiene, all of social service, all of sanitation, all of civic beauty and comfort, all of domestic ease, all of business efficiency, all of transportation, all of communication, all of modern engineering, all of irrigation, all of industrial speed are the result of science.

Science is impersonal and has no scruples beyond the falsity of a statement. It seeks no moral level. In the first case it is the property and handmaid of unscrupulous, inhuman imperialists; in the latter, in the hands of humane, intelligent beings. Without the human touch, science is without usefulness.

“Though I understand all mysteries and have all knowledge but have not LOVE, I am nothing.”

NOTES

1. The Church is One. Departmental Sessions are arranged merely for convenience. All Christian workers should plan to attend all sessions.
2. Addresses should be typewritten with extra copies to expedite time and insure publication.
3. Conference periods from 2:15 to 3:30 p. m. are a part of the convention and should be attended by every delegate.
4. Attention is called to the Convention Theme, “Preparation for Pentecost,” and its development each day at 11:30 a.m.
THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE
PRESIDENT R. H. DAVIS' MESSAGE
45th Annual State Convention Colored Disciples of Christ of Ohio,
August 8, 1928

We are assembled here today to celebrate our 45th Annual State Convention of the Negro Disciples of Christ in Ohio. We are facing today the record of forty-five years of organized work as Disciples of Christ in this state. Our progress, spiritually, numerically, financially and intellectually today, is the sum total of all the contributions made by our leaders of the past and present.

The one who is acquainted with the history of the Negro Disciples of Ohio for the past two score years, or any careful student who has studied our work here for the past fifteen years; cannot fail to recognize that we have made tremendous gains along many lines. And yet, the unbiased and unprejudiced Christian observer who knows the dominant reason for the founding of the Church of Christ and who is thinking of our progress here in this state, in relation to the great inclusive, world-embracing commission of Jesus, will not fail to see that we have not measured up to our opportunities.

I believe, fellow-workers, that Jesus was in earnest when He spoke these words, recorded by Matthew to his disciples nearly two thousand years ago. “But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came to them saying: All authority hath been given unto Me in Heaven and on Earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.”

These words of the risen triumphant Christ were a mighty Challenge to the disciples in their future work of the Church of Christ. The challenge that Jesus gave to his eleven disciples on that memorable day was to “Make disciples,” of all the nations. I believe that is the dominant Challenge of the future for all the Disciples of Christ in Ohio.

Make Disciples

The first thought that comes to my mind out of these two significant words forming a simple but imperative sentence and command is: the Challenge of the future is one of constructiveness. Jesus Christ cannot use men and women on his program in the serious and exacting business of making Christians or making disciples, who are possessed with destructive minds. One of our greatest handicaps in our organized work is the lack of men and women who have constructive minds. To think constructively is hard. To think destructively is easy. Because this is a truism we have too many people who are a part of our work in Ohio who are moving along lines of least resistance.

The first thing a wise manufacturer of any product would think about is men who are qualified to become leaders in the concern. They are aware of the fact that the success or failure of any business organization or enterprise must depend upon the quality of its leadership. What progress have the Negro Disciples of Christ in this state made along this very significant line?

Suppose we were to make a careful survey today and discover after forty-five years spent of making disciples, how many outstanding Elders, Deacons, Directors of church schools, leaders of missionary organizations have we produced? From my personal observation, brethren, I am of the opinion that there are but few to be found among our eleven organized Churches, who can measure up favorably to the standard prescribed in the New Testament.

The Churches of Christ in Ohio have made very little progress in the creation, development and training of men and women for the position of leadership.

The next Challenge is that of providing manufacturing plants which will be adequate to meet the needs of our day. I hear a great deal about the waste of money which Churches have spent in the erections of adequate buildings in which to carry on their enlarged program of making disciples. I am sure from my personal observation it cannot be said that the Negro Disciples of this state have spent half enough money within the past twenty-five years for the establishment of more adequate church buildings, much less to say that we have spent too much. After forty-five years of organized work, where can we point with pride in this state of Ohio that the Negro Disciples of Christ have a modern building commensurate with the ever-enlarging Negro population? Our Baptist and Methodist friends can point us to several such buildings, but I do not know of a single such plant among our Negro constituency.

If we, as disciples of Christ in Ohio, are to make more and better disciples than our predecessors of forty years ago we must accept the challenge now and begin in earnest to formulate plans for a more adequate program of church erection.

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Piedmont District Convention

With the close of the vacation season and the approaching of fall, we closed our work in the Vacation School and turned our attention to the various conventions. We attended the Piedmont District Convention which convened from August 8-12, at the Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va. The sessions of this convention were very harmonious, every one ready and willing to cooperate in every possible way to make the convention a success. Many fine plans were made, but we regret to mention that after the close of the convention several things arose which prevented the materialization of some of the plans.

We congratulate the district on having presented to them a beautiful Loving Cup to be used instead of the Financial Banner, as a challenge to the schools in their efforts to raise their development money. We trust that all the schools will strive to have it at sometime.

—B. E. C.

Oklahoma State Convention

The Oklahoma convention was very harmonious with much constructive work done. We held conferences with the workers, aiding them in the organization of their work in their local churches. At the Young People's sessions we were given time in which we used to promote the Mid-West Conference. We held a demonstration of a Young People's Conference in which both the young and old participated in every feature of the exercises. At the close of the demonstration we received a list of twelve or more prospective young people for the next conference. We are urging that the young people and local workers will keep this before their local churches.

The state is making plans by which they can do greater state development work, which will greatly benefit them in every way.

—B. E. C.

"Go sell all thou hast, and give it to the poor and FOLLOW ME."

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

National Convention

Workers national, state, local, from all over the country met at our National convention to make reports of the work done during the year. The reports show that it has been a wonderful year numerically and spiritually but there has been a decline financially. Many of the states and local churches fell far below their apportionment, while others, we are pleased to note, went above their apportionment. We trust every local and state worker will commence now in their efforts to raise their apportionments and to increase numerically and spiritually.

We feel that much constructive work was accomplished at our national convention. We are anxious for our new Young People's worker to begin his work in the department of religious education, for we feel that his work among the young people will be very beneficial to our brotherhood.

The department of Religious Education along with the other department of the church is making plans for the year also to carry out the aims of the Pentecostal Program ending June, 1930. Pentecostal aims for the Department of Religious Education are:

1,000 Christian Endeavor Societies adopting and reporting on the standard.
2,500 churches adopting and reporting the three years program.
250 new educational plants erected.
135 churches having directors of religious education.
50,000 standard leadership credits issued.
900 non-credit leadership conferences held.
12,500 enrolled in graded Young People's Conferences.
1,250 standard vacation church schools.
1,750,000 total Sunday School enrollment.
2,000 additions through the church school.

Let us all with one accord strive to carry out the aims of the Pentecostal Program. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."—Acts 2:1.

BESSIE E. CHANDLER, Elementary Supt.

IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

Even in the Holy Book, there are some things that seem too good to be true. For example, when the women broke the news to the anxiously waiting disciples, that Jesus was not to be found in the new tomb of Joseph where they had placed Him on Friday evening, notwithstanding that Jesus promised to rise on the third day—the news of the women seemed too good to be true. Again when the little prayer meeting heard that Peter was standing at the gate, it seemed too good to be true. When the National Convention of Disciples of Christ accepted the challenge of the Department of Religious Education to put a full time Field Secretary on the Field of the Young People of the church, it just seemed too good to be true.

That is just what we promised to do when promised to subsidize the amount given by the department of religious education to place Vance Griffin Smith, on the field as Young People's Worker.

For two years Mr. Smith has given one fourth time as a Young People's Secretary. He has done his work in a very amiable way. If given a chance as a full time worker, it is hard to imagine the progress that will be made in this department of our work.

I know that every one of those pledges were made in good faith and the victory depends upon every one of us. Let us measure up. The writer is elated over the fact that we are to have on our staff a full time children's worker and a full time Young People's worker. It seems too good to be true. Some day we will have a full time Adult worker and an office secretary. Let us labor and wait. Let us go about our task singing:

"I would be friend of all foe the friendless;"
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up and laugh, and love and lift."—P. H. M.

Out of the silence, song;
Out of the bud, a rose;
Out of the rose, the scent
The wood wind blows.

Out of the years, a faith;
Out of life's travail, truth;
Out of the heart, the charm
Of ageless YOUTH.
A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

Do We Know Our Hour of Visitation?

Jesus upbraided Israel because His people did not know the hour of their visitation. His meaning of visitation was a time when God came their way with opportunity. As we see it now after nearly two thousand years of Church History the Jews had the most wonderful opportunity that ever came to a people. For nearly fourteen centuries they had followed the principles laid down by Moses. During this time they had prophets who held up before them a most wonderful vision of human happiness in store for them. During this time they had had many adverse experiences that were calculated to teach them that wrong actions lead to sorrow.

Then when Jesus came to them proclaiming the coming of the greater day in the kingdom of heaven they had every opportunity that was suggested by the prophets. If they had placed themselves behind Him with all their strength the Jews could have become the world power in spiritual strength. They, in a very short time by right of have sent their missionaries to the four corners of the earth and the peoples, especially the Gothic peoples, could have come in with all the power that is now seen in new nations. But they lost their opportunity. They resisted Him with violence which kept them from gaining any benefits from the wonderful life of Jesus, but they did not stop the course of righteousness from conquering the world. They delayed it and cursed themselves.

This then should be a lesson for us. If we number the Negro Disciples of Christ, we must conclude we are among the very small religious bodies of our country. But if we consider how we wedge into the religious and social world we can see how a greater opportunity is ours than probably any other people. The question is, do we know our opportunity? Do we know the hour of our visitation? Let us see what these opportunities are.

1. We are a part of a great brotherhood without any organic partition. This enables us to wedge the race relations issue and the home missionary issue right into every church of the brotherhood. And it also enables us to test ourselves by having to work beside the best workers of every race. For example, when Brother Moss and Sister Grubbs worked away at their task in their quiet way there was no way to measure them. But when they and Miss Deetsy Blackburn became a part of a greater force under Mr. Hopkins they had to make good or fail. It was therefore a great consolation when Brother Hopkins said Miss Blackburn was doing good work as any worker he had had. Let us look at the job put upon Mr. Prince A. Gray as a side line. If he succeeds in sending fifty students to our four schools he will lay the foundation of a great work for the future. If he succeeds in boosting the missionary offerings as he did in Missouri he will help all the work. But these are just side lines.

2. In the Christian Plea we have an opportunity that is far beyond the vision of any of us. The subjects that it will necessarily discuss are vital questions and will attract wide attention if skillfully developed. It must avoid a fault-finding, haggling spirit. God knows there is enough evil in the world to take up all our time if that is what we want to do. But that builds up nothing. The Negro Disciples have the finest opportunity that ever came to a people to do a constructive work. Let us spend our time in building the walls of our new Zion, not in tearing down the walls of error. Let us show that we can build the Zion that the prophets saw and the sains longed for. If we can show that we can do this we can have multitudes waiting on our every word. Will we seize the opportunity? or will we fail as the Jews failed? and will God have to wait on another people as He did in the case of Israel? The Christian Plea needs subscriptions and every family of the brotherhood can help on that. Then as it gets more subscriptions it can grow in the things it can bring out in its issues. The Christian Plea ought to grow until it can influence the Christian white people, north and south, in the way they need most to be influenced. What we mean is illustrated in Booker T. Washington. We know of no American during the twenty-five years from 1890 to 1915 that had as great an influence on the thinking in America as he had. Not even Theodore Roosevelt was equal to him. While the white people think themselves the superior people, and they are in many things, they sadly need teachers along many lines. We must be ready to do what we can along this line.

3. Our Negro Churches now can well double themselves in numbers of churches and in numbers of members every ten years if they see the vision—and go at it. But they must know what they are working for and they must apply themselves to the task. The celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of Pentecost will be a mere artificial formality if we are not spirit-led. We are spirit-led the Pentecost celebration may easily prove to be one of the strides forward of the Church. Brethren, do we know the hour of our visitation?

OUR NEW ELEMENTARY SUPERINTENDENT

Miss Bossie E. Chandler, Elementary Superintendent of Nashville, Tenn., Negra Plea work as Elementary Superintendent, June 1st. Miss Chandler comes into the work thoroughly consecrated to the great task of kingdom building. Miss Chandler received her literary education in Nashville, Tenn. She attended the public schools of that city during which time she was an outstanding student because of her scholastic ability and iniciativeness. After graduating from the high school, she entered the Tennessee State College of the same city. Here Miss Chandler majored in education, taking her special phase of work Kindergarten work. She was graduated from that school with the second highest honor in her class. Miss Chandler majored in education, taking her special phase of work Kindergarten work. She was graduated from that school with the second highest honor in her class. Miss Chandler majored in education, taking her special phase of work Kindergarten work. She was graduated from that school with the second highest honor in her class. Miss Chandler majored in education, taking her special phase of work Kindergarten work. She was graduated from that school with the second highest honor in her class. Miss Chandler majored in education, taking her special phase of work Kindergarten work. She was graduated from that school with the second highest honor in her class. All during her school career she was a faithful young worker in her local church of which our National president is pastor. She served for several years as an efficient secretary of the Bible School. But because of her intense interest in Kindergarten work and her love for children she resigned the office of secretary of the school and was elected as Elementary Superintendent of the school. She entered into this phase of the work with her whole heart and soul. For almost two years she worked faithfully with the assistance of two teachers and made the department of the school a standard department of which she succeeded in accomplishing. It was while she was at this work that she was called to a field of greater service as

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the homes of more than a thousand and these should be readers of the paper now. The great impulse that prompted the undertaking of this enterprise is not lost but only dormant. It can be done but everyone must cooperate in doing it.

Personally I wish to thank all of those who helped in any manner in promoting the Christian Plea when I was in charge. I thank those who have been mostly self-appointed, in the churches and states who sent in subscriptions. I thank those in the local churches who contributed news for on this the paper is sold. I thank those especially who made donations to the Christian Plea special fund both as churches and as individuals. What the paper was in form, make-up, editorial comment, and typographical correctness as well as departmental excellence was only a debt due to those who supported a church paper of which we need not be ashamed.

The transfer in all things may be just the tonic needed to build up the Christian Plea to the point where it will serve more fully the entire brotherhood. I commend to you the Christian Plea, a bi-weekly for the Christian brotherhood and its new editor, Elder P. A. Gray.

**THE NEW EDITOR, (PRINCE A. GRAY, JR.) ANR THE PLEA**

By Dr. J. E. Walker, Chairman of Publishing Committee

There is a great deal to be said for the person who has not had opportunities but has made them. More honor to him who has carved his destiny from the reluctant stones of adversity. The shining worth of the diamond is not due to the intrinsic value of the stone but to the rarity of the product. So it is with men who have achieved in spite of the disadvantages of circumstances. Any one can do it but so few do that like the diamond they are to be praised for their rarity.

Elder Prince A. Gray had nothing to recommend him as a favorite child of fate. No flowery beds of ease have carried him to the present pinnacle of success. His early years were ones of little opportunity and less an environment of progressiveness. His school days from the grades up have been punctuated with long vacations wherein the wherewithal was obtained to get another curtailed session in the school-room.

In spite of these handicaps, he was one of the really brilliant men of his class. The terms in college were more irregular in continuity than the days at S. C. I. where he received his elementary and high school training. Drake, then work, Cotner, then more work, finally graduation and no opening, manual labor and no opportunity, finally a "board and room" church position; then signal success was the cycle.

Mr. Gray first pastored at Holtsville and Savannah, Tenn., for a brief period before going to Drake University, leaving Drake to do the Evangelistic work of Nebraska in connection with his school work at Cotner, after which he came to the Fulton Church, at Fulton, Mo., where he made such an impression on the Missouri State Board that they requested the Fulton Church to release him in order to test the effectiveness of their Correlated Budget system which was inaugurated under his supervision. Mr. Gray willingly accepted and "dived right into the heart" of his work with all of his might. The offerings from Missouri for all purposes increased and the state work became an example to all the other states in effective services and liberality in giving. Starting his second year of work as state secretary, he was unexpectedly called to the editorship and general management of the Christian Plea.

This position is not so much at present as an opportunity to build a monumental work to the Christian brotherhood in the paper that will command the attention and respect of the religious world. Mr. Gray has accepted such and makes plans to comb the entire brotherhood, organizationally, collectively and individually for the needed funds to finance the Plea. So to every reader, active or potential, this is a notice that Mr. Gray will see you soon about an individual donation to the paper. Every pastor is asked to receive Mr. Gray in a way that will give him access to the heart and pocketbook of your people.

The Christian Plea MUST GO OVER and the entire brotherhood is asked to rally to the support of it as the representatives did at the National Convention. Mr. Gray is the man to put it over and we are all back of him to boost, lift, raise, exalt and support the paper. The Christian Plea will then be THE PLEA of the Disciples for all of those things that so many think we need and deserve.

The Christian Plea in Every Home is "THE PLEA" now.
NOTES ON THE CONVENTION

The twelfth Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ was held in Chicago at the Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church, August 27 to Sept. 2.

Chicago was truly be called the convention city of America.

With the Elks in session, it seemed that the South Side had tripled its population.

A most beautiful Church house is the home of the Chicago Disciples. It is not only beautiful but spacious.

The hospitality of the Chicago Disciples to the delegates was unbounded.

Delegates were there from California on the West and Maryland on the East and from the Gulf to the Lakes.

The theme of the Convention was "Pentecost and its Challenge."

Monday, August 27, group conference were held also a meeting of the joint executive committee. In the evening an excellent local program was rendered.

Mrs. Wm. Alphin proved to be a most excellent presiding officer in the Woman's Missionary Department.

Mrs. C. Martin of Illinois was elected president of the Woman's Missionary Department.

Mrs. Rosa Grubbs, our field worker, rendered a most inspiring report.

Prof. T. W. Pratt, president of the Sunday School Department, was re-elected. Prof. Pratt brough to the convention an excellent report of the world school convention held at Los Angeles, Cal.

The Sunday School of which Mr. Elmer Doolin is Superintendent, Frankford, Mo., won the loving cup.

Elder Preston Taylor, our beloved president, occupied the chair in the sessions of the church department.

Elder P. A. Gray was elected Editor of the Christian Plea.

Elder Davis of Kansas becomes our National Evangelist.


Elder Alphin, Prof. Moss, and Miss Chandler were helpful in the various sessions. They are our Field Workers.

Three were ordained to the Christian Ministry during the convention.

Excellent reports concerning our schools at Edwards, Hawkins, and Piedmont were made.

Bro. Ervin of Jarvis was greatly missed.

The Convention established a Bible Chair for the training of ministers at Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

The colored members of our joint executive committee are Elders Preston Taylor, C. H. Dickerson, H. L. Herod, Dr. J. E. Walker and Mrs. C. Martin.

The next convention goes to N. C. with Bro. Peters and his good people.

Nature offered her best weather to our convention.

The National Convention will be reported giving names of delegates, etc., in the next issue.

Memphis received the news with joy that it is to be the home of the Christian Plea.

WHERE THE WEST BEGINS

By C. E. Croggett, Kansas City, Mo.

The Missouri State Convention which was held in Kansas City, August 7 to 12 was considered one of our best. Some of our best workers were kept away however, by reason of circumstances over which they had no control. Elder J. J. Green, the president of the convention, was kept away because of the illness of his daughter who has since that time passed into the beyond. Mrs. Mary Van Buren, the president of the Woman's Work, was kept away because of having been injured in a bus accident a few weeks prior to the setting of the convention and Prof. Wm. M. A. Gibb, the central secretary-treasurer, was also kept away because of having fractured a rib a few days before the convention.

The absence of these leaders was very keenly felt, however, with Brother and Sister Alphin substituting for them, the work of the convention went forward in a fine way. The highlights of the convention were the addresses on the Sermon on the Mount by C. C. Carrigues, secretary of the Missouri Christian Missionary Society.

Reports showed more than three thousand dollars raised during the year for state and general missions. Those who attended National Convention at Chicago saw that Missouri lead all the other states in raising funds for the national work.

P. A. Gray, the state evangelist, Mrs. Retta Logan, Elementary Supt. of the Bible School and Mrs. Cannie Doolen, Field secretary of the Missionary Society had splendid reports of work done, having covered the state in a very fine way. They were re-elected to the same positions.

The officers as elected or re-elected as follows. For president of the convention, C. E. Croggett; vice president, E. K. Burton; secretary-treasurer, P. C. Washington. For the Bible School Department, for president, Vance G. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Essie Welch; Elementary Supt., Mrs. Retta Logan. For the Endeavorer Department, president, Cassie Wells; secretary-treasurer, Miss Bernice Washington. For the Missionary Society, president, Mrs. Mary Van Buren; secretary, Mrs. Eva Gilmore; treasurer, Mrs. Mrs. Ethel Dyson; field secretary, Mrs. Cannie Doolen. Mr. E. Dublin was elected central secretary-treasurer to hold the money of all the departments.

A tragedy which indirectly grew out of the convention cast a shadow over the delegation near its close. Elder A. B. Moore, our minister at New Haven, on returning home from the convention received an injury in a bus wreck from which he died a week later.

An observation shows our churches to be pretty well shepherded with the following men at work: J. B. Parsons at Jefferson City; J. E. Parker at Hannibal; E. K. Burton at Frankford and Madison; Wm. Bradshaw at New London; W. G. Richardson at Salisbury, Blackwater and Napton; L. C. Davis at Lathrop; Wm. Alphin at St. Louis and the writer at Kansas City and Independence.

We regret very much to lose P. A. Gray as state evangelist and to lose P. G. Washington as pastor of the church at Fulton. Bro. Washington's giving up the ministry to take up school work in East St. Louis. The congregation at Columbia is now completing the best church building among our brethren in this state and they are looking forward to securing a minister soon.

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There is one thing of which we may be sure, absolutely sure, and that is that no permanent good can be effected if the New Testament is ignored. Unica by anything else will not last a day.
PIEDMONT CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Martinsville, Va.

The closing week of our school was indeed favorable as far as the weather was concerned. There was just enough rain to make it pleasant.

On the first night Preps and Freshmen, under the direction of Mrs. Willis, presented "The Fashion Show at Hicksville."

The young people were at their best in this play and made the large and appreciative audience feel that they had not come out in vain.

The second night was taken by the Sophs, under the direction of Miss Calloway, they presented "The Old Maid's Club." It was pathetic indeed to see these old maids struggling to look young and catch a beau and it was a great relief when a dapper young fellow from Africa with beans from the grave of an African astrologer which transformed the old maids into young maids again.

On Friday night the seniors had their class day exercises. On Sunday the Baccalaurate sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Whitfield of Roanoke, Va. Elder Whitfield urged the young people to catch a vision of future usefulness if they wished to succeed in life.

Attorney W. C. Martin of Washington, D. C., a former resident of Martinsville, made the address to the class. He presented the school a large United States Flag and Monday afternoon the school raised the flag on the new flag pole on the campus. An appropriate program was rendered with Dr. Woodward, M. D., and Elder Whitfield as principle speakers.

The graduating exercises took place Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. J. B. Simpson of Virginia made the address to the class. Dr. Simpson made a strong plea to the young people to aim to be an asset not only to the race but to the motion at large. Said he, "We have not one to spare. Your race, your community and the nation needs every one of you."

Misses Lucile Camille Early, Josephine Cecelia Foster, Bessie Pauline Thomas and Mersers. Thomas Logan Johnson, and Cleophas Wootan were the graduates. Mr. Wootan was valedictorian and Miss Bessie Chandler, a missionary who had worked in India and Mrs. Jameson, a missionary to China were introduced.

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And that Attorney Martin, his two daughters and his cousin, Attorney Martin, of Philadelphia motored to the commencement.

The city school closed two weeks before P. C. I. Elder J. D. Hill preached the sermon for the city school.

Prof. Alphin will study at University of Kansas this summer. Prof. Spaulding in Chicago, Prof. Hill will hold summer classes at P. C. I. Miss Calloway will study in New York, Miss Ruth Thomas will go to Howard for the summer, Prof. and Mrs. Thomas have not decided where they will take their vacation yet. Mrs. Thomas had a fine display from her domestic science department and Mrs. Willis had a beautiful display from her Domestic art department during commencement week. The attendance at all the programs was very encouraging.

REPORT OF WASHINGTON CONVENTION

Mrs. Mary Van Buren Delegate from Me. W. M. S. Convention

Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I bring to you a report of the proceedings of the Women's Sessions of our National Convention held in Washington, D. C.

I am very sorry that time and space will not permit me to speak about all the interesting addresses and sermons delivered during all the sessions.

The ninth session of the Woman's Missionary Societies convened at the 12th Street Christian Church Wednesday morning, August 31, 1927, with our president, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, presiding.

Mrs. B. B. Hutsell of Kentucky, lead devotional and gave an excellent explanation of the Scripture lesson read. Various committees were appointed after which reports were made by the Corresponding Secretary; Secretary of Children's Work; National President and representatives from various states. All received.

Afternoon Session

After reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous session, the committee on enrollment reported 25c each collected from ninety-two persons, total, $23.00.

Our National Field Secretary came forward at this time and gave an excellent report of the year's work.

The report showed that 127 societies had raised almost as much as they were apportioned. $500.00 for 1927, but she went over the top, raising $535.55. There were fifteen societies that gave $100.00 or more. We are very glad to say to you that three societies in Missouri were among that group namely: Kansas City, St. Louis, and Fulton.

Total amount that was taken in at convention during our session was $336.93. Total amount raised by societies during the year $4100.00.

The addresses by the following were very interesting and inspiring: Mrs. A. Staples, of Maryland, Miss Bessie Chandler, Tennessee and Mississippi and Miss A. M. Clark of United Christian Missionary Society. Your humble servant gave an address also Wednesday afternoon.

The evening session was opened with devotionals led by Mrs. S. Offut of Ohio. After reading of minutes of afternoon session, our National president was presented and brought us a very thoughtful, profound and helpful message. Mrs. J. H. Thomas of Virginia brought us a helpful message in the session also.

The Missionary sermon was preached by Elder P. A. Gray of Missouri, as we were having a session of the Joint Executive Committee did not get to hear the sermon. The offering for the evening was $47.53.

Quite a number of conferences were held with our National workers which were very helpful. On Thursday afternoon, Miss Mullen, a missionary who had worked in India and Mrs. Jameson, a missionary to China were introduced.

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National Elementary Superintendent.

In order to become more efficient in her work she spent a year at the S. C. I. giving her time to Bible Study. While there in school she was active in the various organizations of the school and was always ready and willing to give her service in all programs or any movement fostered by the school.

Miss Chandler has now been on the field about three months during which time she has given her best toward the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

No man should be discouraged because he is imperfect, but should be discouraged if he has lost the will to perfection.
OBITUARY

Amos B. Moore, was born in Port Gibson, Miss., March 10th, 1889, and departed this life Aug. 17th, 1928. He was 39 years, 4 months and 17 days old. He joined the Christian Church when 15 years of age.

He al was said to his mother that he was called to preach, and began preaching about 1912. He was always different from other children—so quiet and patient.

Rev. Moore pastored before coming to Missouri, which was about six years ago. He connected with the Centennial Christian Church when on Kennerly avenue. At the time of his death he was pastoring the Christian Church in New Haven, Mo.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Martha J. Moore, four sisters, five brothers two nieces, one nephew and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

His favorite song—the song he loved to sing and hear sung—was the "Old Rugged Cross."

WARRASEKA, ARKANSAS

Everina Merrill, Reporter

The Elliot Chapel Church of Christ is yet striving to reach her goal. The W. M. S. is pulling forward in her work.

Sunday evening, July 22, the women gave a program for the purpose of raising funds for Missionary work.

We had a very good program for our little group of Christian workers.

Some of the outstanding numbers rendered were: a lecture, by our pastor, Rev. E. L. Turner, concerning the women's work; an oration, by Mrs. L. Turner, Jr., "Our duty to Our Country"; a vocal solo, by Mrs. Evelyn Turner with a cor net accompaniment; a speaking contest between four girls, Misses Mary Withers, Susie Turner, Ever lina Merrill and Mary Ella Roe.

There were two prizes given Miss Susie Turner was winner of the first prize, and Miss Mary Ella Roe, winner of the second. Many of the neighboring churches helped to render music for the occasion.

The collection was liberal, $7.42.

This program was rendered under the auspices of the President, Mrs. Nellie Roe.

JACKSON, MISS.

The North Jackson Christian Church is still trying to go forward.

Services were good on last Lord's Day. The second Sunday in September the Pastor preached stirring sermons morning and evening. The subject of his morning discourse was: "The Tragedy of Neglect," and in the evening his subject was: "The Church."

A good audience graced both services. The Church Executive Board in its regular monthly meeting Sunday evening, Sept. 9, 5 p.m. rounded out the plans for the beginning of a two weeks' Revival to be conducted by our State Evangelist, Elder B. C. Calvert. A special prayer week, beginning Sept. 19th will be observed prior to the revival. The Revival will close September 26th.

May we ask that you pray with us that it may be a great ingathering of souls for His Kingdom.

The 4th Sunday in August our old ex-pastor, Elder J. I. Renolds, preached for us. He seemed to have been at his best.

Again we ask that you remember us in your prayers.

M. S. BROWN, Reporter.

B. L. JACOBS, Pastor.

SUPERFICIALITY IN EDUCATION

V. G. Smith

One morning I was so routed as to meet the young people on their way to high school in St. Louis. There were a large number of boys and a greater number of girls. Some of the observations I made as I watched this group are as follows:

The majority were well dressed, some even elaborately clothed. All the boys wore ties and shirts of a good quality. Their suits and shoes were not of the kind so often seen which are about half good. Not one did I see in overalls and brogans. I perceived that their bodies were well cared for. The girls were also clothed properly.

Some carried lunches and others had pocket-books containing the wherewithal to purchase substantial food. Others were refreshing themselves before the day began with ice cream cones. Their physical man seemed to be cared for in the very sumptuous way members of my race are accustomed to do in most cases.

More than one group that I met carried some musical instrument and one fellow was so enthusiastic that he was even then, while walking, playing his ukelele. There were rolls of music in evidence at frequent intervals and thereby disclosing the interest in the finer arts. Music has always had its appeal and no people has been better able to interpret it than the Negro. So I was delighted to find the interest obtaining.

Some of the young ladies possessed many of those appurtenances or form and face that make for pride. The becoming cut of dress and hat brought out the best qualities of personal beauty and appearance. The boys had silk handkerchiefs with ice cream cones and wrist watches aglow on arms. So the evidences of culture and pride in appearance were there.

But one thing was noticeable. That was the meager supply of books carried by the youths. Cigarettes, ukelele, ice cream cones, vanity cases, powder compacts, lunches, pocket-books, etc., all occupied the hands of these school children. The long strap with these things. Young people were to be found in the evening in the movie houses, the automobiles, and the streets, with "nothing to do." I wondered then and am still wondering if that fact that the scholars in the nation are decreasing is due to the fact that superficiality in education and culture is taking the place of deep study. And the shadow of the trimmings is mistaken for the substance of the real thing. More are diplomaed men but fewer educated persons.

LOCALS

The Mississippi Blvd. Church is planning an intensive membership campaign for the months of October and November.

Funeral services were held for Brother London Coleman Sunday, September 9th. A large audience witnessed these services. Brother Coleman lived to the ripe age of 81 years.

Pastor Blair T. Hunt and Elder Oscar Gray were in charge of the funeral services. Brother Coleman was a faithful unto death, having served as an officer of the church for a long time. He leaves several children, relatives and a host of friends to mourn for him.

Prof. R. H. Peoples, teacher of Religious Education of Jarvis College, passed through Memphis en route to Jarvis.

Those attending National Convention from Memphis were Eld. Blair T. Hunt, Dr. J. E. Walker, Brother Utilles Phillips and Miss Marie Crawford.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
Next in order comes the actual work of making disciples. The Church of Christ was begun in a great spiritual revival on the day of Pentecost. Whatever church in this state needs most now is the creation and continuation of a consistent intelligent series of spiritual revivals from now until the celebration of our nineteen hundredth Pentecostal Anniversary in 1930. This revival should begin in the pulpit of every church, and gradually work its way through the difficult lines of the official board into the anxious waiting line of the membership of our Churches. This revival should begin within the church. It should first of all make ready its pruning knife and with the spirit of love for all and prejudice towards none, nevertheless, it should be such a revival that the members of our churches who are anxious to see our work grow larger here and accomplish more towards the making of better and more disciples, should prune the local church tree of all its spiritually diseased and dead branches and give each organization a chance to develop a healthy, spiritual limb. Such a revival should not be commercialized nor professionalized. It should be naturalized. It should be homogenous. It should be the outcome of earnest, enthusiastic Christians seeking to save the unsaved within as well as without the church of Christ. Such a revival should begin now in every heart and every church in the state.

The Teaching Ministry of the Church

After disciples are made, they should be taught. The second great need of our churches is an enlarged, intelligent and enthusiastic sincere teaching Ministry in every local church. No church is worthy to wear the name Christian that neglects to teach its entire membership, “All things,” that Jesus taught which are essential for their growth in all the Christian graces. We have too many Elders, Deacons, and members of our churches who are ignorant concerning their duties and responsibilities as members and officers of the Church of Christ.

The time has come when every Elder, Deacon and member of all our churches should become vitally interested in the department of Religious Education in our churches. We should cease trying to have Sunday school or Bible school just to go thru the motion, hear reports, have few classes and take a little offering. The Minister and officers of our churches should see to it that in each local church there is a real school of religious education functioning in such a way that it will be a definite factor in the Teaching Ministry of the Church to win souls for Christ and train them in Christian Service.

Christian Stewardship

The members of our church need to be taught the spirit and knowledge and habit of Christian Stewardship. As Christians, we need to know we belong to God and that all we are and all we possess belong to Him. Our Church all over the state is not receiving financial support, consistently, from fifty per cent of its membership. If it were not for those whom we have designated “the faithful few,” many of our Churches would not only be pastorless, but their doors would be closed and in a few brief years the buildings would fall into decay. Giving is as important to the upkeep of the moral, spiritual, numerical and intellectual status of the Church of Christ as baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

Christian Stewardship, the idea that each disciple should give one tenth of his earnings each week to the support of the church or “give as the Lord prosper the giver,” should be taught as much as we emphasize the two ordinances of the Christian Church. Our local churches need to put a little more business in their program. Every church should take an inventory annually of debt and credit. Each church should know each year whether the organization is going backward, “standing still” or going forward numerically as well as financially. We need to develop a more accurate method of “book-keeping” in all our local churches.

The Challenge of Evangelism

“And you shall be my witnesses,” says Jesus “both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.”

No church can be recognized as a church of Christ which does not believe in the entire missionary program of Jesus.

We have a number of Christians in all our churches who are temperamental, emotional and sentimental, when we discuss the missionary program of the church, but only a few who are consistent and unprejudiced about it. Many are not interested in any form of evangelism, but that which is labeled “Home.” Some are sentimental about the idea of “others God, yes others,” but these others must be in far away China and Japan and India and Jamaica, etc. While a few pious extremists do not believe in any kind if only their needs can be supplied. To be consistent every Minister and member should study the whole field of missionary endeavor as Jesus suggests. The City, the County, the State, the entire world.

Too many of our Christian men and women, too many of our Church officers and Ministers do not believe in organized agencies for the promotion of missionary work. They do not believe in Missionary Societies in the local church. They do not believe in any form of organization and still these disciples are ardent believers in Jesus Christ. If a Christian believes in Jesus, and because of the Lord’s gift in the Son of man, believes also in baptism, and the Lord’s Supper, then he should also believe in the Missionary program of Jesus. Let us think today of the large number of cities, in Ohio where the Negro Disciples are in a pitiful minority and in those where we have no organized churches at all. We are facing a mighty Challenge today. It is the Challenge of the future destiny of our cause among the people in Ohio. Remember Christian friends, that other communities are pressing forward in their work of making Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc. What are we going to do with the commission of Jesus to “Go and make disciples”? To accept the challenge is to line and grow and increase and have the happy consciousness that the spirit of our religious work will always be alive in Ohio.

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MISSIONARY INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MISSIONARY GROWTH

Delivered At the National Convention of the W. M. C. At Chicago, Ill., By Miss J. K. Spencer, Roanoke, Va.

Progress—another term for growth—is linked up to and goes hand and hand with intelligence or information. Any individual or group of individuals, no matter how engaged, will succeed in proportion to the information or the knowledge which they possess concerning the task assigned them. The great barrier that has blocked missionary growth is ignorance. We, the missionary workers, have depended too much on being filled in the self-same hour and by some super-human process. The great founders of the scheme of human redemption was himself the greatest missionary that ever lived. When he gave the perpetuation of the mighty work he had begun over man to occupy until he shall have returned, the task became ours. All New Testament students know the tasks—make disciples of all the nations by a teaching process, a process whereby information may be imparted. So from the beginning we have growth dependent upon information.

Missionary leaders must seek to become thoroughly informed along many lines so that they may be able to properly inform others. I shall mention three points we should really know:

First, we should really know and have a helpful message for the folk. So often when missionary information is mentioned, our minds revert at once to perilous stations, to Bible lessons alone, to the bare saving of souls, and the strict account these souls must give in the final judgment. None of us can be real missionaries and not stress heavily all these factors, but to be such a missionary as most any one can become, such a one as I feel the program committee had in mind, we must know all this and just a little bit more. The type of missionary the world needs today is one that knows and applies his Bible better than ever and one that knows and can put over some good things found outside of the Bible.

A part of our missionary information should pertain to the physical side of those to whom we carry the message. The human race has gone to an extreme in dress and amusement. I am not referring so much to the style of dress and nature of the amusement as I am to the cost and amount of both. I know not what the customs are here in Chicago, but in some places in the East we find that the more meagre the salary the better dressed the individual, and the more amusement they require. They wear more “Hudson Seals” and go more often to the resorts than those drawing splendid salaries. Here we have a fine opportunity as missionaries to our message to have the people see the folly of overdressing and over amusing. This is a fast age. Some are able to keep up, but think of the numbers who lose their all and still aren’t able to keep up. Pleasure is a fine thing, but it is not to be had at the expense of health, peace of conscience, or “the rainy day bank account.”

Our message must contain something from a moral viewpoint. Do you know our morals are just rotten? So many sharp, slang, superstitions, double meaning, expressions are used. Often I have to get my pupils to explain whatever has gone wrong, so that I may be able to handle the situation intelligently from their point of view. Then the swearing, the smoking, the freedom between the sexes, the late hours, the joy rides are really nauseating. Self-respect and modesty do not belong in this age. The individual who dares mention them is called “green.” What a tremendous task confronts the public school, the “Y,” the Bible School, the missionary society and the church. The literary educators and the religious educators must realize their joint possibilities. What I mean to say is that this world is to be made a fit and safe place in which to live we must get back of some of the causes of wrong-doing, offer a remedy, prevent some of the commissions of crimes. Yes, let’s get right back in the homes; seek to inform the mothers and fathers that unless they take a more decided stand for things which really count, there is no telling where we shall be at the expiration of another ten years. We must in some way arouse the parents. Have them see that while they are bickering, fighting, flirtling, jazzing, just having a little good time, just getting a little thrill out of life, that the children are looking on. Inexperienced, without poise, full of vitality, bubbling over with curiosity, fearless, desiring to prove everything youth plunges in and carries the thing too far. There is no hope for us unless we return to the old landmarks. The present-day homemakers must be informed of the privilege, the beauty, the sacredness of founding a home, stop regarding their children as burdens, and stop looking upon their homes as economical institutions.

In the second place we must be thoroughly informed concerning the people to whom the message is to be taken. No teacher can rightly and suitably prepare her

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The Antecedents of Pentecost

By B. C. Calvert, Evangelist

The name Pentecost is found in the Old Testament. It was a Jewish National Festival, and was observed 50 days after the Paschal Lamb was slain, which was seven weeks. In the Old Testament it was called the Feast of Weeks. Pentecost is mentioned only once in the historical books of the Bible as you will see in 2 Chronicles 8:12, 13.

Pentecost came at the close of the barley harvest (Lev. 23:15-16; Dt. 16:9-10), which was begun at the time of the waving of the first ripe sheaf of the first fruits (Lev. 23:11). Wheat was also harvested about this time everywhere (Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Num. 28:26), and the general character of this celebration was a harvest home festival. That day was observed as a Sabbath; all labor was suspended and the people appeared before Jehovah to express their gratitude. Lev. 23:21; Num. 28:26. Every male in Israel was required to appear before the Lord in the sanctuary on that day.

The old Jewish Festival obtained a new significance, for the Christian Church, by the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7, 13). The incidents of that memorable Day, in the history of Christianity, are told in a marvelously vivid and dramatic way in the Acts of the Apostles.

But it should be borne in mind that Pentecost marks the founding of the Christian Church as an institution. That day marks the dividing line between the ministry of our Lord and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. On that day the Apostles were qualified for the high calling of preaching the Gospel by the power of the Holy Ghost. Pentecost completely changed the Apostles, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit enabled them to become witnesses of the resurrection of Christ as the fundamental of historic Christianity, and to extend the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth.

Pentecost, which marks the beginning of Christianity, may be compared with the Pentecost that marks the beginning of the Jewish National life on Mount Sinai. There the mountain trembled; in Jerusalem, in the upper room where the Apostles were sitting, the house trembled. On Sinai were flames, in Jerusalem were flaming tongues that looked like fire. On Sinai were noisy thunderings; in Jerusalem was the sound of a rushing mighty wind, the sound of many tongues. There the clanger of rams horns; in Jerusalem were notes of the gospel trumpet.

Three facts stand out as we read the story of Pentecost. First, the right and normal condition of the church; second, that this should be its permanent condition; third, that this is not its condition today.

This question naturally forces itself upon us: "Why do we not have Pentecostal times in the church today?" Should we not seek the reason, and ought we not to try to remove the obstacles, if any there be, that stand in the way of such a bright consummation?

Is the spirit of the Lord straightened that He does not answer? Have the days forever gone when the Word of God shall prosper, and men shall cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall I do to be saved?"

Let us ask God for wisdom and guidance in finding an answer to this question, "Why do we not have Pentecostal times in the church today?"

1. Perhaps it is because the church is in the world everything is all right, but when the sea gets into the ship everything is all wrong. As long as the church is in the world everything is all right, but when the world gets into the church everything is all wrong. Thus to have a real twentieth century Pentecost, we must prepare for it by separating ourselves from the world. It took separation and a ten days prayer meeting to prepare the Apostles for the first Pentecost that has meant everything to the world.

The people of all the churches have separated themselves up to card playing, dancing and theater-going, until today the whole church is full of it from top to bottom, or from the pulpit to the door. And sometimes ministers of the gospel are as worldly minded as their flock. Preachers of the Gospel must speak out and name the things that are killing the spiritual life of the church, and call for a separation unto God.

We have too many cowards in the pulpit. Paul, who was a brave soldier of Jesus Christ, sums it all up when he said, "Therefore, come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be to..."
**MAN'S MEASUREMENT**

A man's no bigger than the way he treats his fellow man.

He's measured not by tithes or creed.

High-sounding though they be,

Nor by the gold that's put aside

Nor by his capacity.

He's measured not by social rank,

When character's the test;

Nor by his earthly pomp or show,

Displaying wealth possessed.

He's measured by his justice, right,

His fairness at his play.

His meekness in all dealings made.

His honest, upright way.

These are his measures, ever near
to serve him when they can;

For man's no bigger than the way
he treats his fellow man.

That unknown author enriched the field of poetic thought and literature and left a priceless message on the measurement of a man.

"To have the spirit of a martyr—and be who has it will be in the highest sense a martyr—is to be true at all costs to the best and highest things one knows."

souls from Judaism to Christianity. The rest of the preachers followed suit in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and everywhere else. What right have we, as followers of Jesus Christ, to "desire that each faith shall be developed and enriched," when the Bible plainly declares, "One faith, one hope, one baptism, one God and Father."

Eph. 4:4-6. Any minister who does not proselyte when it comes to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is not true to the trust committed to Him.

God grant that the day will soon come when we shall have a real twentieth century Pentecost, when men will bow in humble submission to the will of God. I know of nothing that will hasten the day more than strict adherence to the New Testament teaching on the plan of salvation. Such teaching will usher in the happy time when the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Then all the nations of earth may truly sing:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall, Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all!

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**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Wm. Alphin proved to be a most excellent presiding officer in the Women's Missionary Department.

Mrs. C. Martin of Illinois, was elected president of the Women's Missionary Department.

Mrs. Rosa Grubbs, our field worker, rendered a most inspiring report.

Prof. T. W. Pratt, president of the Sunday School Department, was re-elected. Prof. Pratt brought to the convention an excellent report of the World School Convention held at Los Angeles, Cal.

The Sunday School of which Brother Doolin is superintendent, Franklin, Mo., won the loving cup.

Elder Preston Taylor, our beloved president, occupied the chair in the sessions of the Church Department.

Elder P. A. Gray was elected editor of the Christian Plea.

Elder Davis, of Kansas, becomes our national evangelist.

Bro. Vance Smith succeeds Elder Smith in the presidency of the Christian Endeavor. Brother Smith also succeeds Elder Crockett as recording secretary.

Elder Alphin, Prof. Moss, and Miss Chandler were helpful in the various sessions. They are our field workers.

Three were ordained to the Christian ministry during the convention.

Excellent reports concerning our schools at Edwards, Hawkins and Piedmont were made.

Brother Erwin, of Jarvis, was greatly missed.

The convention established a Bible chair for the training of ministers at Ridgeway, Ky.

The colored members of our joint executive committee are Elder Preston Taylor, C. H. Dickerson, H. I. Herod, Dr. J. E. Walker and Mrs. C. Martin.

The next convention goes to North Carolina with Brother Peters and his good people.

Nature offered her best weather to our convention.

The National Convention will be reported giving names of delegates, etc., in the next issue.

Memphis received the news with joy that it is to be the home of the Christian Plea.

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NOTES ON THE CONVENTION.
The 12th annual convention of the Churches of Christ was held in Chicago at the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, August 27 to September 2.

Chicago may truly be called the convention city of America.

With the Elks in session, it seemed that the South Side had tripled its population.

A most beautiful church house is the home of the Chicago Disciples. It is not only beautiful, but spacious.

The hospitality of the Chicago Disciples to the delegates was unbounded.

Delegates were there from California on the west and Maryland on the east, and from the Gulf to the Lakes.

The theme of the convention was Pentecost and its challenge.

Monday, August 27, group conferences were held, also a meeting of the joint executive committee. In the evening an excellent local program was rendered.

A STEP FORWARD.
N. J. Dickerson.

The establishment of a "chair" for the training of ministers at Lincoln Ridge, Ky., seems to me to be a step to the front. If a church school has a mission, that mission is to train church leaders. Recent study of the work in certain sections has disclosed the fact that there is dire need of conscientious and well trained ministers. Most of our schools have no definite course of study for ministerial training. "How can they preach except they be sent?"

I hope that there will soon be established a ministerial course in each of our schools. What do you think about it?
A PRAYER

Of Grace E. Hall

Lord, I have drunk from strange and varied founts,
And still a thirst is dry upon my tongue;
I am not satisfied; the fever mounts
Within my veins; my nerves are harshly strung.
No substance have I garnered that has filled
The emptiness of soul that still is mine,
Though mortal joy for fleeting hour has thrilled,
It palled at last, like vapid, tasteless wine.

Lay Thou upon my lips some potion sweet,
For I have tasted aloes—aye, and gall!
'Tis but in fairness I should have complete
In final years, exemption from it all;
Assuage this thirst! Some fountain there must be
Where others have been blessed, to long no more;
Give one full draught of happiness to me,
That Life, long loitering, has failed to pour.

There is a sedative within Thy grace—
I've seen its power transform a human heart;
It leaves a nameless calm upon the face,
Gives strength to live and play a nobler part;
The fountains of life are bubbling full and free,
But sediment encrusts each brimming cup—
Hold Thou against my lips eternally
Thy living truth—and let me humbly sup.

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MISSONARY INFORMATION
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classroom work unless she knows her pupils; no minister can bring a fitting and helpful sermon unless he knows his membership. As missionary workers, we cannot take a beneficial message unless we know the people. Know their financial conditions, know their problems, know their plans for their children. We rarely enter into the lives of those who really need us. The members of our missionary societies come from the best, most up-to-date homes in our communities, we hold the meetings where we can be best served and after we are there only in time to pay our dues and to eat.

I served as captain on a team during a religious survey made recently in our city. Some homes I visited I actually was actually afraid to sit down. One of our prominent physicians told of having entered a home heated by a coal stove without a pipe. Can you imagine the condition? I daresay these persons referred to above were within the radius of the sound of four or five church bells, and that some missionary workers resided within the same block. Let us as missionary workers not get too busy carrying the gospel and over look such instances. Friends, may we stop planning big efforts for others to put over and do some actual work ourselves. In the third place, our information must in some way help those to whom we go to a better understanding or a better estimation of results. Often the numbers are few—and the amount of money small, but it is our job to make them see the real value or the possibilities of a single dollar or an individual life properly spent. Help them to get a vision. How many worthy projects have never been attempted because those minds in which the projects were born had not the ability to measure results. How many noble undertakings after having been set up have failed because the founders could not properly measure results.

Oh! that the missionary workers here assembled may know why to measure results, so that we may be able as the poet says to "Launch Out" into big things.

Why did Columbus, Raleigh and Captain Smith brave the rough waters of the Atlantic in their crude boats? Why was it that Robert Raikes gathered the ragged London youth into the Sunday School? Why did Booker Washington pawn his watch for the first $10 toward the founding of Tuskegee? Why did Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale contend for a better establishment of the institution of trained nursing? Why did Madam Walker continue the manufacture of her toilet preparations? Why did a few faithful women organize the C. W. B. of M.? Why did Shelton and Stanley sacrifice their all in lofty Tibet and fever-infested Africa? Why did all the great missionary bodies consolidate? Why did C. C. Smith and J. B. Lehman cast their lot with the Negro race? Why did Preston Taylor organize this Negro National Convention?

"It is a matter of experience that the amount of reasoning which ought to be sufficient to produce immediate action is often insufficient to produce even a languid assent."

"Be an act ever so unimportant, the principle in our acts is not unimportant."

"It leaves a nameless calm upon the face, 
Gives strength to live and play a nobler part; 
The fountains of life are bubbling full and free, 
But sediment encrusts each brimming cup—
Hold Thou against my lips eternally
Thy living truth—and let me humbly sup.

Finally, friends, and co-laborers, those who are desirous of growth, development, expansion, let us return from this sitting conveying to our respective fields of labor a message containing both physical and moral information, let us know our people better and let us help them to determine between a failure and a success. If we accomplish the above successfully, growth will follow automatically.

Few persons have sufficient wisdom to prefer censure which is useful to them, to praise which deceives them.—La Rochefoucauld.

"Vanity is the foolish little half-reproved pestrose who often throws open the door for dark masked sin to enter the heart."

"Guard well thy thoughts; our thoughts are heard in heaven.—Young.

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**THE PESTS.**

V. G. Smith.

There are a number of classes of church-goers, all of whom I have not yet discovered. But with no intention to draw the line between church-goers and Christians I would make some observations about these persons.

There are two classes, those who go to hear the preaching and those who don’t. Those who make the sermon their objective usually do two things, come for the worship period preceding the sermon or during this period. Those who come during the period are exhibit A in CHURCH PESTS. They come tramping in during the Scripture reading and the prayer song, or if they arrive during the prayer they stand outside and gossip in audible terms with their fellow-pests until the Amen is uttered, then come rustling in bowing and perhaps shaking hands all up the line. In other words showing respect neither for God nor man, these disturbers of the peace “rush in where angels fear to tread.”

Those who come in before the period of worship just to hear the preaching are exhibit B in this classification. They have no interest in the songs, prayers, Scripture or devotions, hence they disregard all the laws of human etiquette and common courtesy. The same person who would look with horror on a child that interrupts or-whispers while HE is speaking, feels not the least qualm while God is speaking through His Word, nor suffers the least compunction about whispering during prayer or song. That which precedes the sermon is an abomination to such a one and he shows it by watching the door, the late-comer, the usher, his neighbor and the antics of the church cleaner.

Exhibit C is made up of those who come to church to criticize. The class may come in at any time for whenever he comes there is something being done wrong. If the minister has to call the ones to administer the Lord’s Supper, he should train his officers. If he does not call, but depends on volunteers, he shows up services. If some volunteers who are not deacons and the deacons are in the audience, there is a heinous offense. If all the ministers are in the rostrum it looks like a parade of vanity. If they are in the pews, it looks like a slight to the holy calling. If the sermon is long, it is too long; if short, the pastor is shirking. So up and on, ad infinitum, the critic criticizes but never suggests a better way.

Some go to church because its duty to do so. No appreciation of the value of religious services have come to them. Some have no interest whatsoever except in their own pleasure in the matter. He would as soon get in after the sermon as before the opening. He would as soon leave the communion as after benediction. He would as soon talk during prayer as read the responsive Scripture selection. He would as soon make a disturbance and attract attention as concentrate on the topic at hand. The sole meaning of the services to such a one is to set the time so he can righteousness say all the next week, I was at church Sunday.”

Exhibit D is the PEST because he has no interest whatsoever except in his own pleasure in the matter. He would as soon get in after the sermon as before the opening. He would as soon leave the communion as after benediction. He would as soon talk during prayer as read the responsive Scripture selection. He would as soon make a disturbance and attract attention as concentrate on the topic at hand. The sole meaning of the services to such a one is to set the time so he can righteous say all the next week, I was at church Sunday.”

Exhibit E of Church-goer is the parader. This is usually a woman. Perhaps its pride in dress or mayhaps egotism or probably vanity of vanities. No matter what, such a one usually gets there late and parades from the back to the front of the church to be seated, gets up and parades back again to get a song book, parades back to the seat, cranes the neck to see who is over in the farthest corner, needs a drink, so parades out again with the return, then parades to the table to give the offering and finally parades out ere benediction.

All of these are CHURCH PESTS among the Church-Goers, but there are some who are the “salt of the earth” in supporting the church and these will be the topic of another article.

**POLITICIANS.**

A politician is one who is interested primarily in government. So the church politician is one who is eminently interested in the government aspects of the church, local, conventional and promotional. Some of these are honest and earnest about their convictions, most are just politicians without the ability or influence to make a living at it in the governmental world.

Exhibit A is the man or woman who is the petty politician. He would have a favorite for each vacancy and would make a vacancy if there is none to play up a favorite. To such a one the present officer is the target and no matter who it is, he is to be ousted. This another viewpoint of the politician as target. Self-interest has little to do with the petty politician for he has nothing to gain and even if there were he would be too dumb to see it. Just a sinister twist of the unspiritualized mind makes this animal do some of the aggravating and annoying things he does.

Exhibit B is the FAMILY POLITICIAN. Need I say more? This fellow is the one who wishes to see all his brothers, sisters, aunts and forty-fifth cousins in offices of some kind. Regardless of qualifications, interests or aptitude, the Man of destiny moves in a “mysterious way, his wonders to perform.” And when he has finished, Presto! all of his relatives are in the saddle. Kinship is greater than religion and friendship than Christianity.

The man who engineers things so his friends get all the jobs that command a stipulation is Exhibit C. Let us uncover him now as he works to get the pastor and to the janitor dependent upon him for support. He is a POLICY POLITICIAN. It is his policy to have the entire organization at his command and to pull all the strings by which the puppets work. The entire program of the church must depend on his whim, the most foolish and drastic action is often pulled off by him to prove his powers. No one who defies or even secretly opposes the policy politician can hope to hold office longer than it will require the politician to get him out.

The last and most despicable of this group of Church-Goers is the SPITE POLITICIAN. With no reason to meddle with the machinery of the church government, he will conceive a dislike of some official and no power of God or man can prevent the rapid and most venomous attack of libelling, secret malicious gossip, public lack of co-operation and active opposition. The milk of brotherly kindness is spilled and there...
is no reality in the religion of Jesus Christ to bring such a one to a sense of responsibility.

THE PRUNES

A prune in the vernacular is one who has an exalted opinion of himself with no particular reason except that he is he. Some church-goers are affected with prunitis to a great extent.

Exhibit A of prunes is the service prune. He figures that because he attends all the services of the church, his particular brand of religion is better than any one else's and he shows it by telling everyone how long it has been since he missed prayer-meeting or morning services. He looks reproaches at anyone who asks when something was done in the regular meeting of the church. He stands up and asks God's blessing on "all who are under the sound of my voice" like God was particularly interested in any exclusive terms or limiting phrases who "rain upon the just and the unjust."

Some people consider their individual prowess a subject for acute prunitis. "I am clerk of the board of trustees." "I am chairman of the official board, on the board of trustees, sing in the choir and take up collection. Aren't I a GOOD man?" My ability allows me to teach in the Bible School and for such I am filled with egotism. I am treasurer of the Christian Endeavor and that is cause of feeling that I am not as other men are. A state office goes to the head and a national position, even to being third vice-president, is reason for world-wide shouting and abject servility on the part of all others.

Bible knowledge, good as it is, has been the making of Exhibit C in prunes. The ability to quote Scriptural references is considered a cause for much boasting. The poor Bible School teacher who misquotes one word of what Hezekiah said to some ancient chamberlain in a Bible incident is forever consigned to limbo. The minister who gives credit to Luke for what Matthew said is unfitted for any service in this world or the next. To such a one, the sum total of religion is knowledge not service or sacrifice even though one of the beloved writers of the Scriptures one so defined it.

Exhibit D is the sort of prune who delights in telling how much he contributed in finances to the church. Somehow the Lord has blessed him with more than some others in the same church and he

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

God meant for America to be made up of all the nations of the earth that this nation might become the experiment station for the social and spiritual betterment of the world. Most of our mission stations abroad are demonstration stations for the betterment of those peoples. Our task is a great and important one and God will hold us to it. If we will not do it as cheerful volunteers, he will make us conscripts to accomplish His purpose. To illustrate:

To our shores came the religious martyrs from the European countries to lay the foundation of a new nation. When they began to build the nation they wrote into the fundamental laws the greatest idealisms ever expressed in a national life. This migrating and this nation building were the works of cheerful volunteers. But when they showed that they were not willing to follow the leading of their idealisms to the full, God began to conscript them. It was evident that they were not willing to allow the Africans from Africa, the Chinese from China and the Hindus from India to come and help to make this experiment station a complete success. So God began to drive them to do what was necessary. Or rather, He permitted them to go according to their cupidity and the end was accomplished. New England ship owners saw that they could drive a lucrative trade by buying slaves from African chiefs and selling them to southern planters. This went on for about a century until so many Negro slaves were coming to these shores that it began to appear that they would become the most numerous race and then further importation was prohibited. God meant for all races to be here, but He never meant for any one of them to become dominant in numbers.

But from the constitution and from the debates in the constituent convention it is evident that they never meant that these Negro slaves should become citizens, and no slavery went on until it became the greatest vested institution in America. This could not go on if America was to accomplish its high destiny. Many prophets arose in both the North and South calling to the people to voluntarily free these slaves, but they would not. So the Civil War came on and conscripted them at a cost of over a million lives and over ten billions of dollars and the slaves were freed. But this conscripting was a poor way to do it. It left behind it great prejudice between the North and South and between the white people and Negroes and the effect has been bad.

Not what are we going to do to remedy the situation? Will we volunteer to do what God wants us to do? or must He conscript us again? So far as we are concerned, we determined to volunteer and do the work in such a way as not to leave behind a long train of prejudices. We knew the work could not be done in a day. We remembered the parable of the tares which Jesus gave. If any man wants to pull up all the tares in a day he will destroy the wheat. Our Church was not divided into North and South or into Negro and white, but they were far from working in harmony. The Negroes were most numerous in the South and we felt that in a little while they ought to own much of the south. But we knew this could be only as they matured and won the good will of all the people. Some of our white people are so wicked and unchristian that it is almost useless to think of winning them, but our great body of Christian southern white people are ready to volunteer to do their full duty. They can not come in a day, but they will come. There is an element of Negroes that can scarcely be depended upon to volunteer to do what needs to be done. They would rather be vindi-

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

delights in parading around like the Pharisees and tossing in the gold to the mites of others. Pompous and vain, he awaits the reading of the contributions in the rally and is forever insulted if his is one cent less than the actual amount given. Financially he hopes to buy his place in the Kingdom of God. And then he disagreeable about this place forever after.

Church-Goers in another class in a succeeding article.
cheerful volunteers. God will con-

fict and hateful. But the great

mass of Christian Negroes can be
depended upon to work this out in
the next five decades.

But brethren (and when I say
brethren I mean both white people
and Negroes) we should be
warned that if we do not come as
cheerful volunteers, God will con-
script us and that will be a sore
evil. He can do this in a thousand
different ways. In fact it

come in the most unexpected
way. But let us illustrate. We
now see a breaking up of the old
political lines. The conservatives
are gathering on one side and the
radicals on the other side. The
radical element will not hesitate
to take to the saddle and ride over
our land and destroy what we have
so patiently built up. Our very
complex civilization can not stand
much of that without bringing
the most dire disaster upon us.
The suffering will not be on one
side. In fact the good people may
be the greatest sufferers.

The Southern Christian Institute
and Jarvis Christian Institute
have felt that they were wedging
into the problem in the most stra-
egic way possible. When they
began the white Christian people
began, the white Christian people
scarcely knew that the other ex-
isted. Now they are working to-
gether, perhaps they are half of the
way out of the woods. This is a
great achievement. Those who
would be impatient about it could
easily bar the door and make a
conscripting absolutely certain.
And surely, we are far enough
along in our Christian development
to be able to work out God's great
problems for us without being
thrown into a cataclysm. All we
need to do is to wait on God, He
is working it out all right. The
world situation, as revealed in the
Jerusalem Conference, is shaping
everything right. The world is,

not really for the eternal laws of
God are working for him. He has
great contribution to make to
the American Christian civiliza-
tion, and nothing but he himself
can hinder his having his place in
our land.

A career of worldlyness may be
pursued in the Church as well as in
 secular spheres. To seek the plea-
sing, profiting, and exaltation of self
constitutes the essence of worldlyness in all
the realms of human activity. Church-

and real Christianity may be as
wide apart as the poles.

The Bible is a window in this prison-
world, through which we may look into
eternity.—H. Clay Trumbull.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

PROF. J. B. LEHMAN SENDS
$25 TO CHRISTIAN PLEA

We teach by precept and ex-

ample. Example—Prof. J. B. Leh-
man, Southern Christian Institute,
Edwards, Miss., sends $25
for 25 subscribers. His text
would be “Go and do likewise.”

Some one has well said, “What
you do speaks so loudly I can't
hear what you say.”

Who is next to follow with a
big list?

MISS. BLVD. CHRISTIAN
CHURCH NEWS

By Miss Esther P. Luster.

All departments of the Miss.
Blvd. Christian Church are
making a greater effort to
make this their biggest year, spir-

itually, numerically and financial-
ly.

The delegates including the pas-
tor, Rev. B. T. Hunt, returned
from the National Convention,
which met in Chicago, with new
inspiration.

Two additions have been made
to the church very recently. The
membership gladly welcomes Mr.
Walker and Mrs. Murrell.

A meeting was called to dis-
cuss ways of increasing the at-
tendance of the church and bring-
back the slothful members.
Methods that are proving very
effective are being used.

The Butterfly Club, composed
of the young people of the church
and one of the newest organiza-
tions in the church, held the first
meeting after the vacation at the
home of the president, Miss Es-
ther Luster, Sunday afternoon,
September 30, 1928. A call for
new members is made and the
support of the whole church is
asked.

The choir is making a new ef-
fort to render its best service as
well as music to the church. A
very successful rehearsal was held
Thursday night.

AND THE NATIONS SHALL
BRING THEIR GLORY
INTO IT

The thought is just dawning
on the minds of the best people
that the ideal civilization that is
yet to come can not be built by
any one nation or race. When
the nations of the earth get good
enough to be willing to drop off
their idiosyncrasies and develop
their good qualities for a gift to
the higher civilization then will
begin to come the great age. The
Jews could not have built the
great age even if all the nations
had been willing to let them do it.
The Romans were not able to do so. The Greeks, the
Anglo-Saxons, the Negroes, the
Japanese and the Negroes were
equally unable to do it. So long
as any one of these nations work-
ed at the job alone it was a very
defective civilization. But when
they become willing to share their
good qualities with the others,
each will give what the other
lacks and then will come the great
age. The faithful mind of the
Saviour, the deep thinking mind of
the Greek, the reverence for pow-
er of the Roman, the mysti-
cic mind of the Hindu, the for-
giving mind of the Negro, when
blended all together, will make
a civilization that will do wonders.
But they must work together and
lose self in the desire to do good
to others.

You think this is impossible?
It is not only not impossible but
it is highly probable. There is
no such a thing as genuine race
prejudice. It is artificial in every
case. A white man thinks he is
prejudiced against the Negro. If
that were so he would hate every
Negro on every occasion. He will
show intense prejudice against
some and gamble and be immoral
with others. His prejudices are
artificial and as long as he is a
sinful man this erratic thing will
show. But make him a genuine
Christian and his race prejudice
disappears. What we need is
more of the spirit of Christ. He
knew we could do nothing without
His spirit when He said, “Apart
from Me ye can do nothing.” The
world is making the fatal mistake
of thinking it can do these funda-
mental things of civilization by
its own strength. Until the domi-
nant races are willing to allow the
other peoples to contribute what
they can there will be no great
civilization. Until then there can
be no happiness for the dominant
races. So long as imperial Rome
was in complete control there was
no happiness for the Roman him-
self. His own happiness depended
upon his yielding his selfish
interests.

Then let us seek to work togeth-
er as best we can, praying and
working for each other. God will
show the way as we come closer
to Him and obey His Word. Chris-
tianity is our only hope.

Mrs. M. W. Bonner has returned
from a pleasant visit in Hopkins-
ville, Ky.

Not to read is to be ignorant.

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THE PRESENT UNREST IN THE MINISTRY

By C. E. Craggett, Pastor
Woodlawn Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.
President Mo. Christian Convention

An observation of our present day ministry reveals a situation that is somewhat alarming. At the most, we have but few college trained men in the brotherhood who have made special preparation to preach. Of this few, only a very, very small number are now engaged in the preaching of the Gospel. What accounts for this? Such a condition most certainly requires some serious study with a view of changing it. There is a cause for every effect, and it remains for us to find the cause and remedy the situation.

Why should a larger percent of our college men turn from the ministry to other vocations? I do not mean the men trained in our own Institutes, but those trained in Negro Colleges and in our White church colleges. I am sure that the cause lies both in the ministry and in our churches. The cause as found in the ministry perhaps hinges upon these two things: the desire for material prosperity and social prestige. The desire to make a living outweighs the desire to make a life in the preaching of the Gospel which has always been, and is yet the paramount thing in the church, and thus, the paramount work in the world. Did these men who have turned from the ministry, to begin with, mis-interpret their calling and enter the ministry to find later their mistake? If so, then well and good for them and the church. But if they feel that they can preach and manage the work of the church, commensurate with their training, can they really turn aside from the ministry without any compunction of disloyalty to Christ and His Church? Should not our college men possess a deeper and keener sense of responsibility for the preaching of the Gospel and the salvation of the world than the men of less training?

The second cause, as found in the church, is so pronounced that it cannot be misunderstood. The average officers of the church does not particularly want the minister to get a salary any larger than that which he gets from labor that has required no definite preparation on his part to perform. NOT only are the salaries of ministers who are college trained men much smaller than they can get in other vocations and work to be done. The salaries paid our ministers are far below that of secular callings for college trained men. It is not that our churches are unable, but rather unwilling to pay larger salaries for the ministry. The average officers of the church does not particularly want the minister to get a salary any larger than that which he gets from labor that has required no definite preparation on his part to perform. NOT only are the salaries of ministers who are college trained men much smaller than they can get in other vocations and work to be done. The salaries paid our ministers are far below that of secular callings for college trained men. It is not that our churches are unable, but rather unwilling to pay larger salaries for the ministry.

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It seems to me, that I would be ashamed of myself, if I were a National officer, to allow my church to come up blank; to let a whole year pass without making a single gift to any department of the church.

The 1923 Kansas City Convention and Our Votes

Some years ago, we voted to place on the field a secretary to the church; it was in the Kansas City Convention that you put up a strong fight for it and won your case. This man went into our churches with a program that was capable of changing the old order of things and bringing a new day to our local churches and national work. Why did you allow the office to close in the Chicago Convention without even a protest? In Kansas City you put up a bold front, in Chicago you failed to back up your front.

It requires will power to make a decision; more to live up to it.

In our 1925 Convention of our pledges Journal strictly indigenous; some of us wanted it to the extent that we were willing and did put our money and time in it to make it go; but too many were not willing to back up the front that they displayed on the convention floor. Many pray, but few are willing to pay the price of the prayer. Now we have pledged ourselves anew to "The Christian Plea."

Let us to a man, get under it and make it go. We can do it, "let's go."

Accepting a Great Challenge

Brother Hopkins threw out a great challenge to the manhood of the church; "Say, get $900.00, and I will put Vance Smith where he rightfully belongs—in the work of the Young People." we accepted the challenge, let us back up our front by redeeming those fine pledges we made in the Chicago Convention. These pledges were all made in good faith, but somewhere in the good book, it is said, "faith without work is dead." Come men, let's pay full fare; how long will you ride on a half-fare ticket? Others are paying their fare and do not talk half so much on the convention floor. Some seem to think they can talk it out. I do not care how good-looking one's face is, it cannot be put into the cash register. Those who have accepted the follow-up work of the pledges made in the (Continued on page 8)

How to Double the Teaching Efficiency In the Bible School

In considering this topic we are prone to ask such questions as these: What is your aim as Bible School teachers? What is the work that you are set to do? The fundamental aim of the teacher is to possess a Christian personality. Some teachers possess such personality that will at once attract the youth to want to be like them. As a teacher you aim then to develop a personality in yourself first, and then in your pupils. You want them not simply to know but to live Christianity. You want them not merely to do right deeds, but to do them of his own will, knowing what they are doing and why they are doing it. The questions are not, what have you taught your pupils to know? What have you trained them to do? But, "What sort of person have you helped him to become? Then if you are to help your children to become the right sort, you must understand the youth and the little child and the laws governing their youth.

Then as Bible School teachers, you need as careful and adequate preparation as any other teachers. You teach the same child as the teachers in public schools. You must deal with the same minds and same natural laws. It is your business as Bible School teachers not to train a single faculty but rather to help the whole child with all his everyday powers by mind and heart to become religious. Yours is an educational work and it calls for educational methods.

Religion is an essential element of human life and its highest interest. The Bible School then feels its responsibility as educational institutions. They must realize that their share with the public school is a common task. They must realize that the Education of today needs religion and religion needs education. "Go ye therefore and teach was Jesus' farewell commission."

Personal consecration is the first and greatest need of every Bible School teacher. But consecration alone will not make teachers; but consecration and training will help to make efficient workers. Let us consider the preparation and qualification of the Junior teacher, the teacher the most energetic, restless group in the school. The teacher must have a knowledge of school-room methods for the same methods in public schools hold well in the Bible School. To reach this qualification the teacher should attend leadership training institutes or classes where direct methods are given.

Let us consider other qualifications of not only the Junior teacher but all teachers in the school—1st, adaptability—the teacher must be adaptable for (Continued on page 8)
Higher Civilization Without Christ Is Impossible

Higher civilization could not come until there was developed with a Christ permeated heart. Even the natural world could not give its wonderful powers until the coming of "the Sons of God." In the eighth chapter of Romans he says:

"For the earnest expectation of creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him that subjected it, in hope, that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

If the natural world could not give birth to her natural powers of steam, electricity and gravity till a good enough race of people came upon the earth to properly use them, how much less can the society of men yield happiness to us until a good enough people arrives to properly use it?

But this law works both ways. Just as the good cannot come until a good enough people come, so good cannot stay unless the people remain good. This holds good in education, in business, and in industry. Just as we could not gain a high state of development until we got good enough so we cannot hold it unless we remain good enough.

Many times unbelieving educators think they can do as they please and get something better than the world has had, but they fail. The leaders of education in Germany made this mistake. The German people were a simple trusting people but a few leaders forced them into the position of believing in the German people instead of in the Christian religion. For a time they flourished and thousands of American students went to Germany to finish their education. Then came the crash and now nobody goes to Germany to finish his education. It will go that way in any other country. A system of education that is not based on simple faith will fail. A few years ago every one wanted to go to Columbia to finish, now we see the spectacle of the president of Columbia fighting for; the return of the saloon in a disguised form. In just a little while the crash will come as it came in Germany.

A high powered business cannot long endure if our people lose their faith in the fundamentals of Christianitity. With our business in volumes of hundreds of billions a year, with our immense savings accounts and with our great investments in manufacturing, we must depend on the goodness of mankind; for just as soon as we must lose faith in the eternal verities as revealed in the Bible it will all fall in a heap like a cob house before a wind. We must remember the inverse rule, just as we could not get higher civilization till a good enough people came, so we can not hold higher civilization when the good people disappear.

God is no respector of persons. He expects people of all races and colors and conditions to use every opportunity that he has given them to hold up the better things for mankind. And this they must do irrespective of what they have suffered. I can look back over the history of my people for five hundred years and see what terrible suffering they have endured. If I wanted to be resentful and bitter I could find much ground for it. But if I did so I would ruin myself. The young Negro can easily look back over what his people have endured and he can easily make himself feel that he would like to strike at somebody, but the moment he does that he will lose all he has. The situation is so happening itself in America that the Negro could easily gain the ascendency in moral leadership so we must fight a battle to keep it.

Christian Endeavorers Attention!

V. G. Smith

At the request of Prof. Moss I am publishing at this time the apportionments of the local societies for World-wide Missions. It is hoped that the Christian Endeavor Societies will all respond with their full apportionment and with some reports of a fine program on Christian Endeavor Day which is the First Sunday in February. The object of the special day program is not only to raise apportionments but to advertise the Christian Endeavor and its work. It is well to make this Youth's Day in the church with a well-planned morning service for the youth and a special program in the evening. The apportionments by states and societies as follows:

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ON THE NATURE OF TRUTH

By FREDERICK D. PERKINS

I think of truth as having different aspects, each aspect bearing an essential relationship to the others. Not easy to define, but it may be described, and it sometimes makes itself known in quite unusual ways.

Its acquisition is found to be most desirable, for the better we know it the more pleased we are with it.

The proof of its identity is that it begins deeper than we have fathomed and extends beyond the limits of our imagination.

Another characteristic of truth is that in answering our questions it often stimulates the mind to seek more light.

It is of wide application and entirely impersonal; not biased by human prejudices.

Most of us like to find and accept truth on our own terms.

Many people have a kind of antipathy for the numerous cults that flourish in America, yet I have met people who show a remarkable facility for discovering truth through some of these teachings. The teachings may be correct or not, they may not be efficient as their followers claim, but sometimes it seems that they almost bury their grain of truth under an extensive structure.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

We now live for "The Plea," as said by some, we expect to "Talk Plea," to "Eat Plea," to "Sleep Plea" and "Work Plea" until "The Plea" is permanently established and has solid footing for the Christian Church.

We care little about WHO gets the credit. Thus far we feel deeply grateful for the measure of confidence and favorable attention that has come our way—to the extent that a much larger opportunity to serve the church has come to us. Our whole zeal and every ounce of energy shall now be turned to the task of our Religious Journal and its needs.

Our aim is to serve most faithfully. For personal credit we do not care; we do care, however, for the satisfaction of initiative and accomplishment. Results Count! For this task we need the cooperation, fellowship and generous support of the entire Brotherhood to make this a going and a growing Institution. We pledge our qualified devotion and loyalty to "The Christian Plea".

Let us together sense the tremendous opportunities of a Religious Journal, a Church Paper, "The Christian Plea" and its responsibilities. It is the church's medium of advertisement and communication, yet it should be more than a "Business Institution." It should be an Instrument of Public Service, a weapon in the hands of the church with which to fight the devil and his hosts (this does not mean one man, however.) The Plea should serve much further than the limits of the paper, it must live in the hearts of the people.

No doubt about it, there is a strictly business side to this Institution (publication.) Let everyone sense this and prove himself equal to the needs of the hour. Let us be fair, just and perfectly loyal—more loyal to Christ and His Church than to men and their creeds, programs and platforms.

For the time being much of our time must be devoted to the business of publishing "The Plea," securing news, interesting a reading Clientel to the extent it will become a "sharing" or supporting constituency with its news items, as well as its moral and financial support.

Let our pride be one of accomplishment and our satisfaction be in the thing accomplished and not the part "I" have in it. In "The Christian Plea" we have one of the greatest challenges of the hour. Let us sense and accept it as one man. We already have a large measure of "Organized Responsibility," let us match this with our sincerity and honesty of purpose, and "Organized Dependability". You can count on me, can I count on you?

"When there's work that must be done, When there's a cause that must be won, To our Churches we must go, Where love and charity overflow, And they never answer NO."

The scope and magnitude of our task this ensuing year as provided by our National Convention, is to promote the general church program and to help our churches help themselves with their "problems" when profitable and wise.

This assistance (with church problems) is to be given by the request of the churches themselves;
though we feel in a large way that our churches can, if they were in earnest, solve their own so-called "problems" without very much help, even though some may think they need it. None of us feel, I am sure, that a "National Worker is a "Bishop," nor does "distributing information" belong to either of these functions. The gossiping type is not a "Bishop"—it is a "watch dog."

The second phase of our work is to "hand-pick," as it were, our best boys and girls, young men and young women for Christian training. Upon these, the church is to depend in the years to come as the city army of leaders and workers, carrying forward in a fine way the unsold banner of Christ.

The third phase of our work is to sponsor, promote, edit, manage and maintain our Church Organ—"the brothel's" medium of communication. This task will require all the fortitude, frankness, straight-forwardness, infinite patience, unlimited resources, sincerity of purpose, cooperation and fellowship "Good-Old-Time Religion" and Simon-Pure-Dyed-in-the-Wool-Christianity" that we can "muster up."

Plans are now being made to comb with a fine-toothed comb the entire brotherhood for news items, money and good, contagious enthusiastic religion. Be prepared and hold yourself in readiness. In the meanwhile send in your subscription at once, so as to keep up with the developments, trend of movements and various "schools of thought." Also tell us by writing just how much you will contribute to help the cause along; send either to 2021 Montgall avenue, Kansas City, Missouri (The Editor's address) or to 212 Hernando street, Memphis, Tennessee (Office of "The Christian Plea"). In either case you will receive prompt attention. Yours for success,

Editor of "The Christian Plea."

**NATURE OF TRUTH**

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of words. I am pleased to note that they induce a more intensive reading of the Scriptures. There are some who claim the impressive title of philosopher, yet will have nothing to do with truth unless it wins a conventional form or fits a certain theory.

If we should ask the astronomer in his observatory or the scientist in his laboratory if they are in search of truth, they would very likely answer in the affirmative. So with those who in past ages searched for what they called the "Philosophers' Stone."
CHURCH-GOERS

Providers

The church has Pests, Prunes, Politicians, Pensioners and Providers and only the last are desirable. The pillars of the church are composed of those who are real providers in every sense of the word. The pests only hinder; the prunes only criticize; the politicians only entangle; the pensioners only visit; but the providers make possible the carrying on of the church program of saving the world.

1. The attendance provider is the one who not only is present but sees to it that everyone over whom he has influence is present. According to the homelopes, the empty pew carries a message. To the pastor it says, "Your sermons are not interesting or absorbing. To the visitor it says, "We are not holding our own." To the deacon it says, "Look out for a deficit." To the one thinking of taking membership, it says, "Better wait awhile longer." To those who are responsible providers in every financial support would be forthcoming only visit, but the providers make possible the carrying on of the church program.)

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II. The task of the church is a composite of tasks that are not in the realm of payable bits of work. There are a number of things that the pastor or director of religious education or any employed worker of the church can do. There are other things that while these workers could do but it would be far better to have the church membership undertake. Religion and Christianity should never descend to the pavement stage where the audience does is come, be entertained and leave with a sense of well-being. There is always a need for service providers who will undertake some bit of service in the way of consecrated leadership or devoted fellowship. Service is the keynote of Christian character.

III. A third and one that needs not be enlarged upon is the financial provider. Purposely I left it until last for there seems to be a wide-spread tendency to believe that if finances are forthcoming everything is shipshape. One pastor put it thus, "Now there's Sister H. Shae hasn't heard me preach but twice since I have been here. But she always sends her dues. I wish all members were like that." Of course he meant he hoped financial support would be forthcoming if it was impossible to be present but what he said made finances count more than any other thing in Christianity.
FROM TENNESSEE "THE BIG BEND" STATE BETWEEN TWO HILLS

By Eld. D. W. Bradley, Pres., of Tenn. State B. S.

Just a word to let you know that we are still on the map. We had a fine time in Chicago at the National Convention. We feel that much good was accomplished. We were treated royally.

I left Chicago on Saturday evening accompanied by Mrs. Bradley, the writer's best half and my nephew to Detroit, Mich., where we spent the night with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Bradley. Mr. Bradley being a member of the church of which the writer pastors at Rogersville, Tenn., while Mrs. H. K. Bradley is a member of the Johnson City Church, at Johnson City, Tenn. Her father is an elder in that church. These good folks wanted to have fellowship in the work and gladly gave me their subscription for "The Christian Plea.

While in Detroit we crossed over into Canada via boat—one can go for a very reasonable sum on the boat. "Believe me", we had a fine trip! If you visit Detroit, be sure to look up these good folk; they are real Disciples and are well prepared to care for you.

I have, in the city of Detroit, two nephews and their wives, they always seem so glad to meet the Tennessee people. As I boarded the train for home, on September 6, I said, "long live these good folk and this city."

I want to say to the State Schools of Tennessee, some of you fell behind in your state and National appointments, now, will you please start anew and try to go "over the top" this year? Then, we may meet in the city of Knoxville, we will not only make brother Taylor and sister White glad, but also brother Moss, sister Chandler and all the rest will rejoice with us.

I am, yours for success.

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the pensioner who hopes to accrue credit for what his children do. My boy is always in Bible School. My girl is head of the Triangle Club. My child is president of the Christian Endeavor. The children are called upon to bear the salvation of the fathers. The enormous task of getting the children off to church means so much expenditure of energy and time that there is nothing left to get the parent off. Such unhappy, unselfishness is ungodly and unChristian.

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FROM ARKANSAS "THE BIG BEAR STATE"

By Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick

Our state convention was held from August 15 to 19 inclusive, at Little Rock. Considering all things, it was a very good convention. Everything was made pleasant for the Delegate's entertainment.

Needless to say we greatly missed the fellowship and co-operation of our National Workers. We regretted the fact they could not be with us. Also we missed President J. B. Lehman and his wise council, always so helpful to us.

Our new President, E. L. Turner, did well; he is very calm and presided well, in fact, so very well that he was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Next year our meeting goes to Russellville, the last week in September.

On Friday, the women took charge, with their sessions. Their meeting was the best, even from the very beginning; even though we only reported six societies for the year and $150.00 for all purposes.

There was some change in our W. M. S., for officers: President, Mrs. Minnie Geydon; for Vice President, Mrs. Sarah Richardson; Secretary (Miss Mrs. Mahala Moore; Treasurer, Miss Mary Moore; the Chairman of the Board is Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

The Field Workers are as follows: Mrs. Mary Franklin, District No. 1 and Mrs. S. L. Bostick for District No. 2. Everyone seems to be happy over her new duties.

The President, Mrs. S. L. Bostick, in her message, gave the following aims for 1928 and 1929: Offering of $75.00; 100 women added; 50 souls converted; 10 World Call subscribers; 15 King Builders; “The Christian Plea” in every home; 3 new Societies; 3 Christian Endeavor Societies organized and 3 Children’s organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fuller, accompanied by others of the White people, rendered valuable service.

September was a great month for Arkansas. Elder W. T. York held a revival at Pea Ridge on the 16th; seven were baptized.

North Little Rock’s revival was held by Elder J. W. Williams, E. L. Turner, and M. M. Bostick. Elder Williams baptized a man and wife on the 16th; they had not been in a church for some eight years.

At Russellville, Elder M. M. Bostick baptized a young lady on the 16th.

At Plumerville, Elder G. B. Hervey baptized one on the 16th, making a total of 11 souls to date for Arkansas. Let Arkansas arise and get busy on the job.

Dear sisters, we must go forward as never before. Let us all pray, plan, and work and make this our best year.

We want to announce our visit, in the near future, for the following District No. 2: Pea Ridge, Oak Grove, and Wabasso, also we hope to see England and Gethsemane, if possible.

Yours in the work of the Master,

P. S.—We must mention Mrs. and Miss Ash with their big hearts and open doors. They gave us the right-of-way in their place of business for the convention, and how very thankful we were.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

"The Blue Grass State."

"That thou mightest War a good Warfare"

By Eld. C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky.

Newspapereon has always been a warfare. Few of them have come out "More than conqueror." The causes have been many; perhaps more than the genuine supporters.

Many good people believe a newspaper once started will go endlessly on like Tennyson’s Brook, others believe a "lone Editor" can make and maintain it. Another class "Talk" but never write and then wonder why their news does not appear. Still another as well-wishers have poor publishers and thus invite the newspaper undertakers, who, like others in his profession, are ready to answer "Day or Night calls."

But all people are not thus inclined. Henry Watson, J. H. Garrison, T. Thomas Fortunes and John Mitchell, Jr., all together could not make and maintain a Religious Newspaper. Generals are needed and mighty; but the men in the trenches fight the battles. Take them out and see how goes it.

For one, I propose to stand squarely behind this, our newest project, as I have in all the past, and gladly offer news from my "neck of the woods", paying all pledges and urging subscriptions, etc.

The brilliant young man, Brother Vance, who served as Editor until our Chicago Convention must be given hearty support and co-operation in his new field. (National Field Worker for our Young People.) He is "plenty fitten."

Our new Editor Bro. Prince Gray, and his new wife, "Miss Deetsy," at the

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new headquarters, Memphis, Tenn., our new Departmental and Contributing Editors, and New Publishing Committee ought to arrive in due time.

A few standing or running advertisements, a few paid-for "eats" for decoration and a number of Minister's disaposings of a few dozen copies of each number, might help to build a real hearty clientele.

**Thanksgiving Sunday November 25th**

The Bible Schools are facing their first gift for the Missionary Year, which is to be taken on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 25th. This offering is for Religious Education and Home Missions. The one offering that you have an opportunity to help push on the work of religious education in the Negro churches as well as to help make our schools what you say that you want them to be. Now is a chance to back up your front. It takes money to carry on.

Send at once to the United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, for the Thanksgiving program "Youth in Training." The program is educational. It should not be rendered in a corner but before the whole church.

In considering the high standard set for the school let us consider the teaching conditions as well as the teaching staff. In order to have efficient teachers there must be equipment for them to use. Manual education is an important phase of religious education. Boys and girls are overflowing with energy, their muscles are fairly aching for activity and their minds work better when this longing to "Do something" is satisfied.

Provide maps for them to trace, such things as Paul's Missionary journeys, provide material for them to write and draw just the things they have gained from the lesson.

As teachers you are seeking to secure fruitful study, study which gives pleasure and inspire the child to further study this can only be done by pleasing books outlining illustrations and offering such literature in the hands of your students. Even though you may have a one room school building your equipment will add to the efficiency of your school.

After all, all that any teacher has to give to his pupils is himself. All of us can give to ourselves, and if we are to train young people to be Christians we must first of all have a deep experience of Christianity ourselves.

It is not the story in the lesson quarterly that you can build into the lives of your class, it is the story in you. You must enrich your personality not only aesthetically and intellectually, but spiritually.

"I will hew great spaces, huge places of life for my soul.
I will seek me a way no man has trod,
I will blaze new trails to the heart of God."

BESSIE E. CHANDLER, Elementary Supt. and Contributing Editor of Religious Education.

"As the magnetic needle always points to the North Pole, so the life of the faithful follower of Jesus Christ keeps pointing toward the Cross of Calvary.

"When but one vice has betrayed the wicket gate, a hundred devils are ready to rush in and take the fort."

**PRESENT UNREST**

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The plans for financing the work of the church are ignored or neglected altogether so that the bills of the church drag along and pile up unpaid to the extent that a minister becomes discouraged with the results of his efforts to finance the work.

Another Cause for ministers turning from the ministry is the insconsiderateness of too many members of the church. There are always those who are constantly complaining about the lack of progress in the church, and laying the blame at the minister's feet, when as a matter of fact, they themselves have had very little fellowship in the work.

If they have attempted to do anything, have done it in such a spirit as to keep the church from succeeding as it should.

Too many members of the church expect too much of the ministers when they have put very little into the work to bring about the desired results. Many men would be glad to remain in the ministry at smaller salaries than they can get in other vocations, if only they could have a lovable and congenial fellowship in their ministry. The church needs a trained ministry, a well trained ministry, but more than that. the church needs a mind and spirit to work for, and with the ministry that both may enjoy a mutual fellowship and grow together in a tie that binds.

**BACKING UP FRONT**

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Chicago convention, I hope will do their full duty in keeping the matter before the persons who made the pledges. Of course, no one will have much heart in pushing the matter who has not first paid his own pledge. So it is a fine way to clear your own conscience by doing the thing that you wish others to do. Paul would say, "Take heed to yourself and to all the flock." Another way of saying back up your front and then go after the other fellow.

If the conscience is educated by the Bible and kindled into light by the Holy Spirit it is then an infallible guide.

The man who keeps his word does not make glib promises.

Gambling and goodness are as far apart as the Poles.—William Lefroy, D. D.
THE CHURCH'S PART IN KINGDOM BUILDING

By F. H. COLEMAN, Pastor

ATCHINSON CHURCH

President of Kansas State Convention

It is preeminently the task of the Church to build up the Kingdom of God. This divine institution is authorized by the disciples of all the nations, and in proportion as the gospel is given and received is the Kingdom of God built up. The church must come to the place where it realizes the one great thing to do is to teach the world the Bible plan of salvation.

The church started on its commission on the day of pentecost at Jerusalem. What a tremendous undertaking, twelve men starting to carry out the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. These men were told to tarry at Jerusalem for the power of the “Holy Spirit,” there they received as it were their marching orders to begin in Jerusalem. Judeah Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth, thus they did.

It is significant to note that Christ in commissioning His apostles never told them or promised any material possession nor did he arm them with material weapons to begin this work, all they needed, and that he gave, was the power of the Holy Spirit. This power or personality in them would enable them to stand before magistrates, potentates, governors, and kings. In fact people of every walk of life are proclaiming the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, there can be no doubt they were true to their commission. Everywhere they went they preached the gospel and the results were forthcoming. They so lived and taught that the world was amazed. For instance, when Peter was placed in prison, the church began praying to God for his release and God thru an angel led him out.

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identical as the early church. We live in a different age... but nevertheless the church has its work of advancing the kingdom of God and it must have the Holy Spirit. The same spirit that permeated the early Church must possess the church today. We can not go forth conquering and to conquer without it. There were no competitive forces in the early Church, everything they had was in common and considered the Lord’s. There was not then and can not be now, selfish interest in the church. The church to put over the whole program of God, must be free from selfish aggrandizement. As the early Church did, it must teach not what it may want or desire especially, but what Christ taught. Then we have his word “Lo! I am with you.” The Church must be efficient and loyal. We must put loyalty to Christ above everything. I believe loyalty is the greatest quality in man. Where there is loyalty there is safety and where safety is, there is progress.

It was thru loyalty that the great military geniuses were able to lead their men into the very thoes of death and achieved great victories. Back of every great accomplishment stands loyalty. So it is Jesus the Christ was loyal to His Father in laying the foundation for His Church. When the shadow of the end was on His pathway in a short while He would be crucified. His disciples would forsake. Men would say that He was a noble visionary and all hopes lost and just then when everything was darkest. Our Lord looked down the echoing isles of time and said with a serene and perfect confidence, “I will build my Church.” On the verge of His betrayal you meet the same perfect confidence. He never doubted for one moment that thru the ages He would be remembered by adoring hearts till He comes again.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
MISS B. E. CHANDLER, Contributing Editor
V. G. SMITH, Contributing Editor
P. H. MOSS, Departmental Editor

SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler
Elementary Supt.

There will appear in this column helpful suggestions and information for local elementary workers to aid them in carrying out the program of religious education in the elementary department.

1. Beginners (4-5)

"God's best gift to earth is childhood and man's best gift to childhood is a happy childhood."
—Jameson.

Since you are workers of children you must live in a new world in the third millennium. To live in this realm and to understand the little inhabitants of it you must first know and understand something about the physical, social and spiritual characteristics of these little people.

The most evident characteristic of childhood is its physical activity. A little child is incessantly active. He is not contented sitting quietly. His little legs move over much space during the day's play, his little hands are constantly busy at something he is handling something all the time, thus every impression that goes in his senses comes out of his muscles.

(a) PHYSICAL GROWTH—Growth is the primary thing of the first five or six years of the child's life. His weight increases six-fold and his height more than doubles. In order that this growth may be strong and normal the child must be given an opportunity to live in God's outdoor world, to get pure air, sunshine and wholesome food. This exercise we can help to give in our Bible Schools throughout our activity program.

(b) PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT—Along with growth there must be physical development in the muscles and tissues of the child, only way to insure the development of these muscles is through exercise. It is a privilege for you as Bible School teachers to assist the parents and children in developing their muscles; through a period of supervised play and expression work; a community story hour at the local church, with a play period will be advantageous to both child and school.

(c) NEW SENSATION.—The child is a discoverer in a strange new world. He does not wait for things to force themselves upon him; he pushes to seek knowledge. Each bit of activity widens his experience, brings new information, new sensation and better understanding.

As teachers, care should be taken in giving the child this new knowledge and information. His religious knowledge will come gradually through simple verses and stories, cautiously told and developed through pictures. His social knowledge through games, stories and verses in which he is taught to love and regard the rights of others, for the individualistic instinct is very strong in children. Then it becomes necessary for every teacher to study the general characteristics of each child in his group, then the children as a group. For before you can teach the children you must understand children and their general development and characteristics.

The Great Need of the Church of Christ Today, Is Spiritual Power

By Elder Joseph H. Parker
Second Christian Church, Hannibal, Mo.

The Colored Disciples of Christ, both ministers and members, lack spiritual power to do the work of the Master. A power from beneath is exercising a strange, bewitching influence everywhere. The cares of the world, the love of money and worldly pleasure and the icy chill of skepticism, are felt everywhere. A pentecost is needed.

The Church needs the fire of the Holy Spirit, enabling her to fulfill the commission of the Master to carry the saving power of the Gospel to a lost world.

Before starting His disciples on their lifelong, world-wide mission, the Saviour bade them tarry until they were endued with spiritual power. They were not to depend upon any training they had received, any talent they might have, or any particular method of labor, but upon the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Without this, the preaching of the Gospel would be powerless.

We are constantly on a stretch, if not on a strain, to devise new methods, new plans, and new organizations to advance the Church and secure enlarg-
CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

Why Rejoice at Persecution

Why did Christ say His disciples should rejoice and be exceeding glad when men would begin to persecute them and say all manner of evil against them? Not many can answer this. Not many really know what it means. Nobody can know what it means till he knows the fundamental laws of the growth of the good in the world. Then let us study this and see if we can not make ourselves masters of its meaning.

1. When they treat us in such a way as to show that they are just persecuting us we can know for a certainty that the truth we have been promulgating is taking effect. We can know for a certainty that the beginning of the end has come for the error they held. We can know for a certainty that they feel utterly helpless in the presence of the truth we are proclaiming. For if they did not feel helpless they would not resort to such methods to destroy it. They would not admit by their actions that they are utterly defeated. If they knew we were promulgating an error they would just wait in confidence till we would destroy ourselves. When manifest facts arise like some we might name, people do not persecute them. They just wait.

2. We can know for a certainty that the men who do the persecuting are not good men, for they would not resort to such methods, no matter how wrong we might be. Whether we are right or wrong, we can know they are wrong, for they prove this by their conduct. We can know for a certainty in such cases. There is a fraction of it. Some try to give in the development work, I have always sought to do one-pleases irrespective of goodness, and resistance to it. The good white people will need the good Negroes and the good of all other races to help them stand for the right. The good white people will need the good Negroes.

3. When this work is fully begun it will unfold itself in its largeness just as has been the case in all past movements. Martin Luther saw just one thing in the beginning, the wrong of selling indulgences, but when he went right it the great Protestant Reformation opened up with all its mighty undertakings which we call modern civilization. If Luther had seen the task in its entirety he would have quailed before it. But God led him in step by step. It will be so again. When we are defending the eighteenth amendment we are opening the way to many great things that we can not comprehend now.

The thing for us to do is to forget that we belong to a certain race, class or group but to stand for the right. We can know for a certainty that we will make the full and complete surrender. It was the loyalty to Christ that the Apostle Paul went beyond the confines of Asia into Macedonia, answering that call that the kingdom of God might be advanced. When men love God as they should and become loyal to His work we have trouble in extending the Master's kingdom.

The Church needs now as never before loyal supporters. Those who are willing to make the extreme sacrifice that the kingdom may grow. Can God trust you and me to carry on? I sometime fear and quake as a member of the church what part I have done to make the program of kingdom history a success. Ask yourself what is my part and what have I done? Is it the church's part and its sole work to build the kingdom of God?

The local church must begin in the city where it is located, state and United States, and to the other part of the world. The church must not be so narrow, so little it cannot or will not help extend the kingdom in the state in which it is located. The local churches must do more to build up the state work. This is done by giving in the development fund, to support our evangelistic work. We have asked one dollar ($1.00) per member for evangelistic work out of a membership over 500; we have never gotten but a fraction of this cost. Some try to come up with a flimsy excuse that state is not doing any development work. I have always noted the fellow who is not doing what he should always seeks to find fault with someone else. There is no excuse for no one not doing his own duty. Something must be done.

The Churches First In Kingdom Building

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It was the spirit of love and loyalty back of it all. He faced false accusations, Getsemane, and the Cross with the same spirit of confidence. As Isaiah had foretold he shall see travail of soul and be satisfied. Men would become faithful, careless, luke-warm, disloyal, causing travail of souls yet He could see His Church triumph in the world.

For the Church to do its part in building the kingdom of God it must be loyal. It must have a vision. When we can have that vision of God that we should never make the full and complete surrender. It was the loyalty to Christ that the Apostle Paul went beyond the confines of Asia into Macedonia, answering that call that the kingdom of God might be advanced. When men love God as they should and become loyal to His work we have trouble in extending the Master's kingdom.

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I am interested in values. I like to find them and measure them. I think of them as having power of exchange and power of command.

There are values of different kinds, such as relative, spiritual, superior, inferior, negative, positive, temporary, permanent, negligible, standard, Superior standard, and permanent are interchangeable terms, since most things that possess one of these qualities also possess the others to some degree. Those with the most extensive power of command and exchange are the ones we know as standard values.

It has been said that jewels are a superior value. Things of greater utility are standard values, and real estate we consider a permanent value. When we learn to appreciate values of import we lose interest in inferior values.

Into a consideration of inferior value we need not go further than to note that imitations and makeshifts belong in the list of inferior values.

Special values are those that exist only through connection with something else. Theatrical costumes, for instance, have a value of command on the stage but are worthless when worn outside the theatre. They have special values only.

But the values that appeal to us most are not in material things. They are rather of a spiritual nature. To possess them is to have the advantage of a higher plane of thought. There are ideas that, instead of becoming threadbare from use, seem to become more forceful the more they are used.

In Proverbs, we read: "When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently, what is before thee; and put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite."—Prov. 23: 1-2.

In our own day Emerson wrote, "What is odious but noise, and people who scream and bewail? People whose voice points always east, who live to die, who send for the doctor, who coddle themselves, who toast their feet to dine, who send for the doctor, who coddle themselves, who toast their feet on the register, who intrigue to secure a padded chair and a corner out of the draft." And those who know human nature say if they know our weaknesses they can do with us as they like. This idea retains its essential value though the form of expression changes.
PERSONAL "NEWS ITEMS"

Elder and Mrs. E. K. Burton are the proud parents of a 9-lb. daughter, Sept. 22. He is pastor at Frankford and Madison, Mo.

Bro. P. H. Moss is making plans for extension work in the University of Chicago.

Elder F. C. Cathron, of Los Angeles is now available for Pastoral work. He may be reached at 4340 Evans Avenue, Chicago, III.

Elder I. K. Hicks is doing a fine work at Wichita, Kas.

Elder Peter C. Washington goes to East St. Louis to teach.

President J. N. Irwin is still undergoing treatment. We are anxiously waiting his complete recovery.

Mrs. William Alphin, who for several years led the women to victory has resigned. Mrs. C. Martin is her successor.

The Editor and his June bride (Mrs. Dorthy Blackburn Gray) were the proud recipients of a fine present from Prof. and Mrs. P. H. Moss. Just about two months previously the Fulton Church and many of its friends gave Elder and Mrs. Gray a delightful reception. These were most agreeable surprises.

Mrs. W. L. Sharp of Los Angeles is visiting her sister and mother, Mrs. Wm. Alphin and Mrs. Jamerson of Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Mary Vanburen has resigned her membership on the Joint Executive Committee because of its removal to New Headquarters in Indiana.

Hon. W. S. Taylor is assistant U. S. District Attorney and an able officer of the Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church.

hooch for its Missionary zeal, had a great day on September 23. In cash and pledges its receipts were about $200.00 for the day.

Mrs. J. H. Parker (our Pastor's wife) has returned from Indianapolis, Ind., where she visited her daughter. She reports a very pleasant trip. All were glad to see her. The Young People welcomed her.

The Hannibal church worships with the Frankford congregation on the afternoon of September 23, the Hannibal choir furnishing the music.

The second Church of Hannibal is to begin a vigorous two weeks revival under the leadership of Elder C. E. Craggott of Kansas City, on October 22. We extend a cordial invitation to all our friends.

The Second Christian Church of Fulton plans to do a great work under the leadership of Bro. Vance Smith, who has begun his work.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick has again taken the field to reach the women's work in Arkansas. She has been the life of that work in Arkansas and when for a time she laid it down it went backward. But now it is looking up.

Two of our older brethren are seriously thinking of taking annuity bonds from the United Society. It works this way: They will pay what they have in their heart to give to the United Society. Then they will draw interest on this at the rate of six percent as long as they live. At their death the money goes for the purpose for which it was given. This insures them an income as long as they live and makes it certain that the money will go to kingdom building when they die. This is especially good where there are no children.

Vance G. Smith was called as state evangelist for Missouri. He will be given leave of absence in the spring when young people's work begins.

Elder Preston Taylor has just gone through a severe spell of sickness but he is up and about again.

The Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church is going forward in a very splendid way under the leadership of Dr. T. B. Livingston during the absence of Dr. Preston Taylor. Communications frequently reach Dr. Taylor's desk about the success of the work. We certainly look forward for great things from Chicago.

Frankford, Mo., one of our smaller Churches (numerically, but large otherwise), known over the entire brotherhood.

Bible Thought and Prayer

LOVE DEFEATS NOT—Owe no man anything, but to love one another. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Rom. 13:8, 9.

PRAYER—

God is love, how sweet Thou art! When shall I find my willing heart? All taken up with, Thee? Thirst and faint and die to prove how great is the agony of love. The love of Christ to me.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

PIEDMONT DISTRICT CONVENTION

F. RAGSDALE, President

Last week we participated in and witnessed the close of a most successful sitting. The attendance was large while the reports brought up by the delegates showed that the pastors together with their churches had labored hard. The various departments including the Christian Endeavors, the Bible School, the Missionary and the Church at large, have done well. Harmony prevailed the entire session. The paramount thought seemed to be "What are we expected to do" and a willingness was manifested on the part of all to line up with whatever plans that were adopted by the majority.

We were proud to have our sitting graced by the presence of Miss Bebe E. Chandler, the successor of Miss Deetey Blackburn. She fell into our program and proved herself most helpful.

A new and most helpful feature was the holding of the business sessions in the beautiful and well-equipped P. C. I. A. A number of the delegates were fed and lodged in the school building. This was especially handy for the various committees and departments for they could whenever they desired, assemble themselves for work in separate rooms. The night and Sunday sessions, which were held at the Fayette St. Christian Church were largely attended and enjoyed by both the delegation and the public.

Mr. E. C. Williams, the Supt. of the Cleveland Ave. Bible School, Winston-Salem, N. C. presented the district a very beautiful "Loving Cup." This cup is to be held by the Bible School bringing up to the convention the largest sum of money over and above her regular apportionment. This year we rejoice that a rural school—Middle Folk, near Winston-Salem, N. C.—won the cup. Three cheers for Middle Folk! Look out city schools and big schools! You will have to work "some" to take this cup from them.

MISS JUSTINA K. SPENCER.

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Tennessee $50.00
Bristol 2.50
Johnson City 3.50
Jonesboro 3.00
Knoxville 5.00
Memphis 15.00
Nashville, Lea Ave. 15.00
Rogersville 5.00

"THAT PRATT"

Who is it that brings Convention Great
As noisy as a Cattle Driver, and
Lifts Convention standards higher?
"That Pratt."

Who is it that charmed convention floors,
And, like a Mountain lion, roars
From State as "Big as all out doors?"
"That Pratt."

Who is it that makes his speech so clear,
Directed of deficient fear
That makes you feel that you were there?
"That Pratt."

Who is it that wants to "Regulate"
The rules for Games of every State
To write with chalk upon his slate?
"That Pratt."

Who is it that better let the boys
And girls direct their silly toys
And save himself from their annoyance?
"That Pratt."

Who is it that has the vision fair,
Of youth released from sombre care
And like "Lindbergh"—Taking the air?
"That Pratt."

What General in Texas roars
Where Jack Rabbits grow as big as calves
And grasshoppers are sold by halves?
"That Pratt."

Who is it that brings Convention Great
In box and barrel, grip and crate
The whole thing down to "Old North State?"
"That Pratt."

"THE WORK OF MISSOURI"

Religious education is young, yet it is finding itself in many of our church schools as we observed it when we went in and out among the schools of this state. We have spent a month among the schools of the state, endeavoring to introduce into our schools both large and small the complete program of religious education. Many of the schools we found properly organized and with disinterested workers, others well organized with energetic, thoughtful workers. We hope that all will early realize that "We cannot teach what we do not know," therefore as inspired workers all will need to seek information. All the meetings we held, we had a fine appreciative audience with a fine offering, many expressing their appreciation for having us to come to them in our first field work.

As we traveled over the state we found many of the churches with large building programs. On September 23, we had the honor of attending the Dedicatory Services of the church at Frankford, Mo. The program of the day was well organized and thoroughly carried out. We congratulate the members for their faithfulness, although they may be weak numerically, yet they seem as strong as the king of beasts financially. They carried their state and national program wonderfully along with the building program, as a result they have now both the Loving Cup and State Banner to place in their magnificent edifice.

The church at Vandalia is still struggling on its building program. They have succeeded in completed a very substantial foundation and now making plans for the erection of the main auditorium, which we trust will soon be completed.

The church at Columbia is about completed. It is a magnificent edifice built to meet the needs of religious education, with individual class rooms, a fine auditorium and other modern conveniences. They informed us that the church would be ready for dedication at a recent date. The workers are realizing that we can give visible expression to that love for Christ by building comfortable and convenient churches to worship in.

B. E. C.

"The yesterdays of life are ever the parents of its tomorrows."

"The great business in the world is God's business."

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“THE SHOW ME STATE”

“Show Me State” is a descriptive sobriquet that has been applied for many decades to Missouri, but its origin, according to the Secretary of the State Historical Society of Missouri, has never been found.

Missouri is one of the few states whose nickname has both historic and current significance as well as ethnographical meaning. “Show Me” applies to the Missouri of today and yesterday. It has prevailed over 11 Missouri sobriquets: “Bulletin State,” “Border State,” “Bone of Contention,” “Bandit State,” “Stormy Peril of American Politics,” “Child of Destiny State,” “Mule State,” “Mysterious Stranger” and “Mother of the West,” but “Show Me” prevails.

MISSOURIANS CONSERVATIVE

Scratch a Missourian and you will find a conservative. He is suspicious of the new, but his skepticism is philosophical tenacious but not reactionary. He will change, but you must “Show Him.” He keeps his fingers crossed and modifies inforcements of the new by delay or installment application as a result, the Missourian is seldom in the vanguard of progress and never in the rear-guard of retreat.

The annual Convention of the Second District of Missouri convened with the New Haven Church, October 25-27. The District is composed of the four departments with the following officers:

Church—Mr. J. H. Hestley, St. Louis.
Bible School—Mrs. Eva Gilmore, Jefferson City.
Christian Endeavor—Elder P. G. Gray, Kansas City.
W. M. S.—Mrs. F. L. Lamkins, Jefferson City.

The churches of this district are St. Louis, Chamois, New Haven, Jefferson City, Fulton, and Columbia. All are asked to send at least one representative from each department. PEOPLE make up conventions not money alone. Your money is good but we can’t use it on a committee. So let every church send at least four delegates.

October 14 was the first State Apportionment Day and all of the churches in the state in every department was asked to make a special effort to raise at least one-third of its state apportionment and send it in. All of the above churches will send it to the District Convention. The other churches in the state will send it to the Secretary-Treasurer of the department. The following are the ones to send it to:
Church—Elder C. E. Craddock, 3319 Michigan Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
Bible School—Mrs. Essie Welch, Box No. 42, Frankfort, Mo.
Christian Endeavor—Miss Bernece Washington, 1112 E. Miller St., Jefferson City, Mo.
W. M. S.—Mrs. Cammie Do dział, Frankfort, Mo.

Elder Peter Washington resigned his position as pastor of the Fulton Church to take up school work in Illinois. V. G. Smith has been called to supply the pulpit.

Miss Bessie Chandler, National Elementary Supt., toured the state in behalf of the Religious Educational program of the church. Her lectures were both instructive and inspirational.

The church at Frankford had a dedicatory service September 22 with many national and state celebrities present. It was the occasion of the completion of their renovated church home. It is a beautiful and commodious structure. Elder E. K. Burton is pastor.

Mrs. R. M. Logan, State Elementary Supt., announces that since Miss Chandler just made a trip thru the churches of District No. 2, she will not work this district until next spring just before working District No. 3.

NORTH JACKSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By M. S. BROWN, Reporter
B. L. Jacobs, Pastor

Jackson, Miss.—Our Revival began on September 19th and closed on September 30th, with a total of three additions; two by reclamation and one by confession.

Our State Evangelist, Elder B. C. Calvert, came according to schedule, and was always “on time,” not late once.

All of his sermons were good and thoroughly convincing. He knows the Doctrine of the church and “sticks” to it.

The Spirit of the meeting was splendid; the services were well attended by both members and friends. Our pastor came a distance of thirty (30) miles and returned just about every night of the meeting. We thought it very commendable in him. He (our pastor) was instrumental in putting the program over, both in a spiritual and financial way. He always took equal share of the responsibility, even in planning the meeting.

We are not unmindful of the assistance given us by the “Mother Church” (if you please) of College addition, West Jackson, Mississippi. Bro. G. C. used his car and himself most generously (and we shall never forget this).

Sunday, September 30th was a high day for us. At 9:30 a.m. we had a GOOD Bible School. Regular worship and preaching services at 11:30. The Evangelist brought a stirring message to his hearers; the attendance was unusually good.

He spoke from the last chapter of the Book of Revelation, picturing, most vividly the closing days of the Master here on earth. This was made so very real that tears were seen in the eyes of many.

After the sermon, the Invitation was extended after which we next turned to the Lord’s Supper—one of the most impressive services ever held in the North Jackson Christian Church.

The new convert was permitted—for the first time to partake of the broken body and shed blood of her Lord and Christ. We felt, as we imagine the Disciples felt, when their Lord was about to leave them.

At 3 p.m. we were at the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Here we had a wonderful service.

The oldest child and only daughter of the writer was baptized by the Pastor,—Elder B. L. Jacobs.

The night services marked the close of our great meeting. In the estimation of the writer, the Evangelist seems to have been at his best. The writer prays that our hearts will continually burn with these good messages, and may Elder Calvert live long to preach God’s Word.

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The Bible School social held the last week in September was a success, netting $15.00 for this department.

Each department was represented in the District Convention at New Haven. Mrs. Mary VanBuren represented the W. M. S.; Miss Catherine VanBuren, the Bible School; and V. G. Smith, the church. Also a $50.00 amount was sent on the financial goal.

Mrs. Henderson, one of the members of the church, spent a few days in St. Louis, as the guest of her son.

PORT GIBSON, MISS.

Mrs. S. R. Thomas

Members attending National Convention from "Christian Chapel" were Elder and Mrs. K. R. Brown, Mrs. E. E. Blackburn and the reporter. All returned with a determination to help each department of the church reach its goal for 28-29.

Our Bible School Conference met and elected new officers and are planning to do its best.

The C. E. led by Mrs. L. Brazand is wide awake and well attended each Sunday evening.

Our church has just closed a ten days' Revival conducted by the following ministers: Elder B. C. Calvert, our State Evangelist; Elder C. Franklin; Elder R. R. Brown. Our "Sister Churches" nearby joined us in service and thirteen were added to the church.

Donations to support the meeting amounted to $56.65. Our pastor, Elder K. R. Brown preached the closing sermon on "Baptism" which was very inspiring.

Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church

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The church has been honored with two visits from the editor of The Christian Plea, (E.D. Prince A. Gray.) We were especially delighted to greet Mrs. Gray whom we all love and remember as Miss Blackburn. The following donations were made: Ninety-two dollars in pledges, nine dollars for subscriptions and a field donation of three dollars. Elder Gray made his second visit Sunday, October 7, 1928. A collection of ninety-three dollars was taken including twenty dollars for the Plea.

Wednesday Night, October 10, 1928

The Women's Missionary Society was reorganized at the church. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Daniels, President; Mrs. Neal, Vice President; Mrs. Bonner, Secretary; Mrs. Marrel, Treasurer.

Rev. H. T. Hunt preached for the Industrial Settlement Home Sunday September 30, 1928 at 3:30 p.m. He gave a very instructive sermon about seventeen children. The Bible School of the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church furnished the little people of the settlement home with Bible School literature. Those who visited the home with the pastor were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Bonner, Mrs. B. C. Skinner, Misses Marie Crawford, R. N. Sterette, Corniline Bonner, Doctor J. E. Walker, W. H. Laster and Prof. A. J. Edwards.

The Christian Endeavor has been rather interesting, being led by Miss Corinne Bonner, who makes a very wonderful leader.

Elder Hunt preached one of his evangelistic sermons Sunday, October 7, which was very inspiring and effective.

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Prayer meeting on Thursday night was very helpful, the subject being, "Forgiveness in Prayer."

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Mr. Utillius Phillips is the efficient and enthusiastic president of C. E. Society.

Miss V. P. Flowers is the chorister of the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Choir. The choir is very much gratified upon receiving her services.

CASH PRIZE

(Continued from page 2) principals and teachers, and also invites correspondence from pupils who may be interested. Full particulars, together with a sixteen-page pamphlet entitled "America's Tenth Man" and packed with suggestive source material, will be sent without charge to anyone writing R. B. Elenzer, Educational Director, 409 Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Bible Thought and Prayer

LOVE MASTERS FEAR—There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.—1 John 4:18.

PRAYER—O God, Thou art Love; May Thy Spirit live in us, and then we shall daily walk in confidence.

Bible Thought and Prayer

JOY FOR WEeping—His anger endureth but a moment; In His favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.—Ps. 30:5.

PRAYER—We bless Thee, our loving Father, for Thy grace that makes all things work together for good to them that love Thee.
Ministers of the Gospel

By T. B. LIVINGSTON, V.D.M.

They are:

1. Clocks. Their preaching and their lives are standards of conduct. What they are and to determine the course of other lives. In speech in demeanor, in deed, they answer the question, "What time is it?" with "It is time to seek the Lord." It is time to awake from sleep and put on the whole armor of God." Ministers should take heed to themselves and their teaching—Only well-made and well-regulated clocks are reliable.

2. Echoes of God. They do not speculate or guess with respect to their pulpit utterances. They do not proclaim their opinions. They remind us of God's will concerning us. They repeat His messages. They are not called to give a revelation, but to unfold a revelation." I deliver unto you that which I have received." Let us pray with Miss Havergal:

"Lord speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone: And thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone. "O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart; And wing my words that they may reach The hidden words that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

"O give Thine own sweet rest to me, That I may speak with soothing power A word in season, as from Thee, To weary ones in needful hour."

3. Flames of Fire. They stir up new emotions in the hearts of their hearers, bringing a new and holy grandeur into human lives; casting a halo to adorn the brows of those with whom they hold communion. Others light torches at their holy flame.

4. Harps—Aeolian Harps. They live in the atmosphere of the spiritual. They realize that all their talents and efforts are unavailing, unless God directs and God-inspired. The wind of the Holy Spirit plays upon their spirits and makes their lives outpour unimagined melodies. They are God's workmanship. Through them He sends sweetest strains to thrill and bless the ears of weary men.

"I ask, O Lord that from my life may flow Such gladsome music, soothing, sweet, and clear As from a fine strung harp, To reach the weary ears of struggling men— To bid them pause and listen; then With spirit calmer, stronger than before Take up their work once more, I only pray that thru the common days Of this my life unceasingly may steal Into some aching heart strains that shall help to heal Its long borne pain: To life the thoughts from self and worldly gain And all the life with harmonies divine: O may such power be mine! Thus would I live; and when all working days Are over for me, May the rich music of my life Ring out eternally!"

5. Lamps. Their business is not to make light, but to hold light. The Holy Spirit before they can reveal the glory of Him who came to be the Light of the World. The Holy Spirit, the author of God's revealed Word illuminates the truth: inspires them to teach and live the truth. The man and the Word are fused together. The man is a part of the message. The truth enforced by personality becomes effective in its appeal. Folks see Jesus in us. Words and life lift Him up. We are lamps. Through us the Christ will ultimately dispense the darkness of this sin-cursed world.

Annice Johnson Flint beautifully sings "His lamp an I. To shine where He shall say; And lamps are not for sunny rooms Nor for the light of day, But for the dark places of the earth Where shame and wrong and crime have birth, Or for the murky twilight gray Where wandering sheep have gone astray Or where the light of faith grows dim And souls are groping after Him And as sometimes a flame we find Clear shining thru the night. So bright we do not see the lamp But only see the light, So may I shine—His Life the flame— That men may glorify His name."

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

The popularity of the Plea is very evident and is manifested at each place visited by the Editor. The call of Elder Gray has been answered by Contributions and Subscriptions.

The National Convention set the pace by taking cash to the amount of $267.00 to get the Plea started on its journey for this convention year.

During the months of September and October the outlook for success has been "rosy-hued" and the Editor has solicited and collected pledges wherever opportunity presented itself. Co-operating with this work we have received twenty-five subscriptions from Elder Preston Taylor, more than thirty from Dr. J. B. Lehman, about twenty from Prof. Moss, six from Miss Chandler, ten from Port Gibson, through Mrs. S. R. Thomas, seven from Evangelist Calver, and smaller numbers from others. Mrs. P. R. McCarty, Mound Bayou gave a substantial donation. Nearly every member of the S. C. L. faculty gave a contribution to "The Plea."

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SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler Elementary Supt.
11 Primary (68)

"A child am I, yet in me lies part of the future of the race. A child in whom the good will of ages past have left their trace."

The characteristics of the former period (beginners 4-5) belong to this period with additional ones. He is also active and restless but is able to give slight attention but unable to concentrate himself upon some difficult task. His real life is one of play and your appeal as teachers must be to senses and imagination. The primary child is also self-centered and one of instincts and feelings.

(a) Physical Growth and Play—This is also a period of rapid growth though somewhat less rapid than that of the former period. The primary child's weight according to statistic increases 32 per cent, and his height increases over 13 per cent. The muscles and internal organs have a great strain on them because during this period the child delights in running and jumping games. Games of this kind should be played in the department, but with thought on the part of the teacher as to the length of time in which they are to be played. Although they may strain the heart and other organs, they also tend to strengthen them. Games with simple rules may be taught for the child who no longer uses his hand and feet in play as aimless exercise but he now wishes to achieve something. The primary child no longer plays alone, but with companions so you have group games, for at the latter part of this period the tendency and competition begins. These games should provide contests of power or skill in which each child strives to win.

(b) Imaginary Play—Imaginative play begins at this period. Little dramas or acts out some story that you have told them during the lesson period may be acted during the expressional period. The Good Samaritan, Lost Sheep, and countless others in which the children will delight in acting out. This will help to develop them physically and increase their religious knowledge.

(c) Habit Formation—It is during this period that the child forms most of his habits good or bad. One writer says it is during this period that we are molding the destiny of the child, if this statement be true let us as Bible School teachers try to mold the child into a noble character. The child of this age is also self-centered and must be dealt with individually. He likes to be with other children, but he has no idea of subordinating himself for the good of the group. So again with the use of stories and games and conversation arouse and develop in the child the social instincts.

The instinct of imitation is very wrong. He will imitate birds, animals, persons and things he comes in contact with. He delights in imitating the door rather than the deed. He begins to think what he would like to be when grown up. So as teachers, "Do absolutely nothing before a child that you would not have him copy. Let nothing touch his senses that you would not have enter permanently into his life." Your influence is never greater than right now.

The teacher must then bear in mind the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual characteristics of her children when teaching, playing or talking with them.

THE DAY

I. MORNING

V. G. SMITH

The Lord's Day has long been a part of our religious regimen. It has been counted as one of the church ordinances. It stands out as the central church impression on the world today. So far, little agreement has been reached on baptism, frequency of the Lord's Supper, faith or order, but every church except the Seventh Day Adventist use and recognize the First Day of the Week as the Lord's Day. Businesses close down. Shops discontinue their trade and most factories run at a reduced rate or not at all. The Lord's Day is the recognized reverence of the world to Christianity.

Since it is such, the church ought to make use of the time allotted for the promulgation of the Christian program. Where business starts not later than nine in the morning and if there is anything to sell, it opens at six or earlier, the church does nothing with the early morning hours. Nine-thirty is permitted to speed around before one act church is performed by the church to utilize the time conceded the organization. The practice of an early morning prayer service of an informal nature would do much to start the day right for the Christian. That may seem a style of Catholicism but there is a difference. This period is not set as a formal worship period to take the place of the morning service, thus releasing the person from further service during the day.

It has been said that the Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is a thing of the past. There should be a prayer. Would anyone suggest a finer way to start the Lord's Day than in prayer to His and our Father? Perhaps this need would, if not be filled, be more fully impressed upon the minds of the church-goers.

The morning also takes in the church school in most communities. If it does not, then the church school will make a different appeal from the one before church worship. The start of the Bible School should be an impressive service. There will be an exaltation or debasement associated with the day in proportion as the opening of the Bible School is planned and executed in a worshipful spirit. There is no need for an elaborate planned service each morning but sincere "simplicity plus careful preparation means more than ornateness."

The lesson period and the closing features should be appropriate, and most of all, executed decently and in order. The original impression of Christianity of young America is found in the Bible School. What is that impression given by your school?

The church services usually consume the noon hour plus the hour preceding and the hour following. So it is appropriately the noon in point of time.

Again, the average pastor and the average church goer plans to make the morning service the outstanding one of the day. It is more carefully prepared, more largely attended and more reverently approached. This is as it should be, for at this service in the Disciples Church it marks the occasion for making anew the covenant sealed by the blood of our Master symbolized in the Lord's Supper.

Two things are outstandingly retrogressive in the average morning service and the first is the pre-sermon worship. There is no recognition of the unity of spiritual experience. The devotional nature of a man is supposed to be equipped with the jumping qualities of a kangaroo. The

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

THE UPPER ROAD

The man who finds the right way to do things of his day becomes great; the man who goes at it in the wrong way loses all. When the man who sees clearly what ought to be done and accomplishes what he undertakes, everybody sees how simple it was; but the simple things are very difficult when we do not understand them.

America is made up of all the races of the earth more or less evenly proportioned. No one race or nation can gain and hold the ascendancy except as it has merit to do things. The most foolish thing any of these races can engage in is to spend its time in clamoring for its rights. The only persons that can gain ascendancy are those that do things the world needs, and even then they may be persecuted by those who do not want them to ascend in the world. Merit alone wins in the struggle for mastery. Jesus clearly taught this in His parable of the talents and his parable of the servant who gave every one of his portion in due season.

Then let us apply this teaching to the Negro who is now about ten per cent of our population. If we take the English, Irish, Germans, Dutch, Italians, Jews, Slavonians French, Asiatics and Negroes we have ten groups and not for from ten per cent in each group. These people are living here together and they must work out the race problem so it will benefit all the world. None of these can gain the ascendancy except by service. If we look over the nationality of the presidents we find that they are divided between the English, Irish and Dutch. But the future will be different. The English and Irish will not hold as much ascendency as they have held heretofore. The Christian influence will more and more demand equality of opportunity. But equality of opportunity can come only on merit. God himself could not give anything to a man who will not give humble and modest service to his fellows.

The most foolish thing the Negro could do is to begin to clamor for his rights without thinking how he is going to use them. No man has a right to ask for anything because he is of any group or race. Power naturally comes to him who can do for mankind what it needs. The Negro is discriminated against just as all others were discriminated against in the past. But he has so many opportunities loudly calling to him, which, if he would use them, would make him exceedingly important in our social order. He needs no more rights till he uses what opportunities he has. In Mississippi the Negro is 53 per cent of the population, and that, in spite of the fact that hundreds of thousands have migrated elsewhere in the past ten years.

This 53 per cent, if he knew how and had the will to do; could restore our soil and make it the best farming land in the nation; could build up a very fine Church Life, could make its schools, crude as they are now, the outstanding educational system in the South; and could make the common labor the most efficient in the state. Further, it could begin to think how it could be of benefit to the backward of the white race. We have many in the state that have degenerated and they are scarcely capable of voting and of making a living for themselves.

When our fathers made the constitution they wisely put into it provisions that no religion, race or color or previous condition shall be made a barrier. But the eternal laws of God have made it so that they shall not be made a stepping stone either. Just because I am a white man, or a Negro, or a Protestant, or a physically strong man I can claim nothing. The only stepping stone is expressed in the words of Jesus: "If any man come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

There is only one road to higher things and that is the upper road. If the Irish, or the southern Europeans of New York, or the Jews would begin to clamor for their rights, they would get farther from them. The same is true of the Negro. The upper road is wide open and bids him come up and travel on it and all things will be his. The white race has produced no really great men except those who went on the upper road of unselfish service. Those who selfishly fought for their own race are all forgotten. The only great Negroes we have produced in the past sixty years of freedom were on the upper road. Those who delighted to call themselves "race men" are all forgotten now. God is no more a respecter of persons in honoring than in condemning. He knows no race or color in favoritism any more than in slighting. If the Negro race wants to find an equal place with the other nine groups it can easily do so if it travels on the upper road.

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EXPLORING THE DEEP

By F. D. Perkins

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught."—St. Luke 5:5.

Because the deep part of things corresponds to the deep part of our nature, it is a satisfaction to fathom the depths of a thing. Then, somehow we know that the deep part of us is the dynamic part. It is the "Silence" of the Transcendentalists.

A noted writer uses the term "deep-self," and believes that in this stratum of mind operates the combined emotional potentiality of the races. But it becomes effective only when directed by the conscious will of a single individual, for emotion is of the body, but will is in the spirit.

Outer diversity is the outgrowth of inner unity. There is a statement that runs: "Then know ye that there is no divergence of plan or purpose. All is unity. What appears to be diversity is a difference in grade and form.

If an idea presents the appearance of being too complicated for analysis, we trace it to its origin and learn the principle on which it is founded. We discover its secret and deprive it of its power to intimidate us. In this connection, we owe a great deal to modern science.

The Vienna school of psychologists, led by Dr. Sigmund Freud, teaches that mental troubles are caused by ideas (usually of a disagreeable nature) existing in the mind below the level of consciousness. These ideas retain just enough vitality to reach the attention in the form of unpleasant fantasies and distorted dreams. In other words we are troubled by what we do not understand. So the treatment of the psychologists is to find the hidden ideas and expose them to the full light of consciousness.

If you have listened to Beethoven's music you must have noticed the suggestion of depth and mystery. These were characteristics of the composer and his music has been called the music of the infinite! His biographers tell us he kept constantly on his work table these lines, said to have been found on an ancient temple: "I am that which is, that has been, and that ever shall be.

No mortal hand has lifted my veil. He is by Himself, and it is to Him that everything owes its existence." Remember these lines the next time you hear his "Sonata Pathetica."

WHAT WE NEED MOST

By Dr. Frank Crane

The trouble is:
We don't have time.

We don't have time to get acquainted with those who live around us and we don't have time to get acquainted with ourselves. Just keeping the machinery of life going takes all our time.

The two sides of our lives are the material and the spiritual.

We can cave in on the spiritual side easier than we can on the material side. We are propped up on that side with pointed props.

We have to eat, and we have to pay for what we eat. The earnest creditor and the importunate landlord dog our steps. Life is real and life is earnest around the first of each month.

If we shirk our responsibilities on that side of life we come up against hard actuality with a bang. Materialism is not a theory; it is an actuality.

The consequences of shirking on the other side of life—the spiritual—are not so soon apparent, but they are equally disastrous.

Those who do become shallow and cold,
"And he whose soul is flat—the sky
Will cave in on him by and by."

The thing we need most is time—time to discover ourselves; time to think our own thoughts; time to stop before we have to decide; time to think before we say the biting word; time to put ourselves in the other person's shoes before we make our condemnation; time to rumm around with the fairies of childhood in the turmoil of maturity. Time is what we need most of all.

And more than any of these we need time to visit our own souls, our City of Refuge in times of trouble.
ample of our Master sending the work. May we take the exporting the fruitful Mission that try, and how they'll return teams out in His earthly ministry for helpers and a guide in sends in a long distance call ask-fore I will double my gifts to the they were on.

saying we are organizing our team the mail brings several responses cau;e. Before closing this letter, we had not had such lessons be- turned with a hundred dollars $25.00 may be paid on the apportionment at once. Mrs. Daniels is president. Mrs. Bonner is secretary.

The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Walker is pleasing Minister and congregation by the excellency of the music rendered each Lord's Day.

Miss Johnetta Walker has been selected as Organist to succeed Mrs. Rowan.

Dr. J. B. Lehman has called the Joint Executive Committee to convene in Memphis Wednesday Nov. 21st. Eld. Preston Taylor who is a member of the committee will preach for the Miss. Blvd. Church the evening of Nov. 21st. A great spiritual feast is assured.

Sunday November 4th, Eld. Blair T. Hunt preached on the Love and Severity of God. Every heart was edified by the information and inspiration of the sermon.

Mr. Jas. T. Chandler formerly of Nashville, Tenn., and Lea Ave-"\n
BIBLE SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Prof. Moss and Miss Chandler held a three day institute for the Bible School of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, the closing days of October.

Each session was brimful of inspiration and information.

Wherever possible, brother Bonner and his co-workers will bring into operation their recommendations.

The last session saw sister Carey with the most excellent cake and sandwiches for all. At this session Supt. Bonner, brother Yarborough, sister Daniels and others told of the great benefits derived from the institute.

May this team, "Moss and Chandler," live long and continue to inspire and inform.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

WOMAN'S PART IN KINGDOM BUILDING

By Mrs. William Alphin

Perhaps no subject is now of more importance in the church work than kingdom building. "Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done," was of first importance with God's own Son.

Was not the church handicapped and retarded in the growth of kingdom building by being a divided body? If the children of God were one as the children of the world, the growth of the church would be marvelous. But denominational lines have divided God's people and caused families to be divided, when our Heavenly Father intended that we should be one great Christian family.

And since God established the family, placing man at its head and woman as his help-mate, woman should be a vital part in the kingdom building. Then surely it is worthy of our thought to think of kingdom building as it affects the womanhood of the world. Since it was by woman that sin came into the world, it should be her business to help eradicate sin.

In kingdom building, our eyes and our ears should be open to see and hear sin in high places as well as in low places. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," is a true adage. The hand that rocks the cradle should be the hand that builds the kingdom of God.

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Can we estimate the goal of kingdom building unless our minds have a worldwide vision of the needs of the human family? It's a selfish building, loving our own children, and forgetting the remaining children of the world. Put a hundred babies in a large room on a pallet together. Let them represent the nations of the world. They coo, cry, and smile and are as happy as they can be. Let them remain in this room without being taught who they are, or how come some of them red, others brown, white or black. These babies given us by God, can be moulded into Christian character that will make them feel they are God's children and belong to the human family; and not black or white children.

Mothers, God has given us this power of moulding and shaping the mind of the child. Shall we shirk this duty? Shall we do it selfishly? Then I should say woman's first part in kingdom building should be in moulding an unselfish spirit in their children, and having a universal love for mankind.

These children with a common, Heavenly Father should be so taught and reared to know that God has no special group, but that we are all his children. Children thus reared should go forth into the church group able to help those who have come from non-Christian homes; and to go into the business world as helpers to put down racial prejudices.

We cannot do this, women, unless we live and work among women of other races. Nothing has developed the character in kingdom building, in bringing about a better understanding of the Negro woman's ideal of living with the white women.

We have lived and worked together, not knowing each other. The white women have been afraid to meet us on an equal footing, when cultured, for fear we sought social privileges. While as a race, were rearing our sons to love their own and be fearful of ever looking at young white women, since so many innocent young men have died for doing so. As a race, we have been thought of as all being the same. But the Inter-racial meeting recently held in Atlanta, Ga., brought representative Negro women from all the churches on a direct basis. Such women as Ellen Church, Elizabeth Carter, Halle Q. Brown, Mrs. Booker T. Washington and a host of others were there to meet their white sisters of culture and tell them that for more than thirty years Negro women have been organized into a national organization, with the motto, "Lifting as we Climb."

They sought to give us a better and cleaner home life, since slavery had given us no home life. They told of the more than three hundred thousand Negro women who met in state and national meetings, studying the problems of the race and planting institutions in large cities to help the working girls. When these cultured white women had met our cultured group and they discussed and thought through some of our problems, they found they were thinking Christianly alike, and the trouble was, each did not know what the other was thinking. What they needed was a closer touch existent between them. Our representative of the Disciples of Christ was Mrs. Affra Anderson. She told me afterwards she was surprised at the culture she found among our group and wished I had been there to represent the Negro Disciples. The growth of this Inter-racial movement has spread in the south, east, west and north; into city and state groups and solve many of the problems that cause race riots. These white women were astonished when they met this group of Negro women with culture and alertness, thinking through the problems of the home, community, and how to get the good-will message, "Peace on earth and good-will to all mankind," to all the world as it was a world-message to the human family, and not a racial message.

The growth of this movement should find our women in the Inter-racial movement from every state. As this national meeting found out that there was a need of the men and women of the races to get together on these vital problems, so have the local and state groups in our city and community.

You may ask, "What does the Inter-racial meetings have to do with kingdom building?" It has everything to do with it; for when we can sit as brothers and sisters and discuss the weakness of each race and decide on the best way to solve the problems that arise in our community and church life; we shall put down many race riots just as we have had the decline in lynching.

There was a time when the subject of lynching was not discussed from the pulpit or the church paper. But today it is condemned from the pulpit and by every religious journal. It is this step in kingdom building in which the women of the church are very actively engaged. When womanhood has declared that a human family shall live in our city and community, and not as black or white, God will then bless us with universal peace.

Woman's next step in kingdom building is in the political work. Should woman be in politics. It is not a question of whether we should or not for we are now in. The ballot has been given to us. We should use it to strike at wrongs in the government, as much so as in the home and the church. What could help us more than good laws enforced and Christian men occupying the seats in congress? Shall we hope for a warless nation or world until we have a majority of Christian men leading us? What made the way of the American life capable of building a safe foundation for this great country of ours? It was the Puritan idea of honoring God with a heart of thankfulness for their relief monarchial government. When our constitution shall be upheld and the vote becomes a sacred thing in the minds of the people, not to be bought or sold to the highest bidder, then as a government, we shall have gone a long way in kingdom building. (Continued on page Eight)
MISSISSIPPI, "THE MAGNOLIA STATE"

Evangelist B. C. Calvert held a ten days revival with the North Jackson Christian Church in the month of September, closing on the 5th Sunday. The Evangelist's wife, Mrs. Calvert attended the services each night and said she enjoyed the meeting. Elder B. L. Jacobs is the worthy pastor. He has some splendid helpers in the persons of Brother M. S. Brown, Brother A. Elmore, Brother Wilson, Brother Lairy, Mrs. Brown, and a number of others we can not mention here. Three were added to the church.

A week's meeting was begun by Evangelist Calvert at the Pilgrim Rest Christian Church, Clay County, October 8th, 1928. One by primary obedience. The church was much revived. Brother L. C. Quinn, Prof. S. F. Green, Brother James Quinn are the leaders among the brethren at this place.

The Mississippi Evangelist who is doing some special work at Indianapolis conducted a real inspirational service there the 3rd Sunday in October, and on Monday following held a meeting with the church and adopted the Budget System. The leading stars here are Dr. A. R. Walker, Brother A. L. Brown, and Brother J. A. Lee.

The Fall revival of the First Christian Church of Clarksdale is now in progress. Three additions to date. Evangelist Calvert is doing the preaching, and last Lord's Day was a high day with the revival and church. A hundred and seventy-one ($171.00) dollars were raised. The clubs are working fine.

The local Willing Workers Missionary Society of Clarksdale has raised more than Fifty Dollars since the State Convention in August.

Mrs. Jennie Coleman, one of the faithful members of our church, has been on the sick list during the past week, but we are glad to report that she is recovering.

Brother E. D. Vaughn, who has a shoe shop out at Jonesontown, has been very faithful in attendance at the meeting.

Brother C. A. Watt, who lives out near Fyars Point, was out Sunday both day and night with his family.

Editor P. A. Gray dropped in on us Sunday night, October 28, 1928, and brought our folk a message they will not soon forget. Mr. Van Buren, son of Mrs. Van Buren, accompanied the Editor. Both left early Monday morning for Memphis.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. S. S. Blackburn, who was hurt in the car wreck on her way to the National Convention, is still in the hospital at Springfield, Illinois. Let the pastors of our brotherhood remember her with an after collection. The hospital expenses are great.

The Mound Bayou District Convention will be held with the Mound Bayou Christian Church, November 15-18, 1928.

Mrs. D. A. Elliott will leave Clarksdale on the night of November 1, 1928, for a visit with relatives at Fort Gibson. We wish for her a pleasant trip.

Our place of worship was greatly damaged by fire last Thursday, October 25, 1928. It was covered by insurance.

Our hearts go out in sympathy for Elder T. R. Everett, who recently lost his wife. May the Lord bless and strengthen him in his hours of sorrow.

We are now experiencing some cold days.

STATE WORK

We are beginning this year's work with a much larger program with the hope of getting better results than ever. We aim to sound the note of Evangelism throughout the state, with Brother A. W. Davis on the field as part time Evangelist. We feel sure a good program will be put over. Our churches are realizing their greatest needs and are endeavoring to meet them.

At our recent state convention our state was divided into two districts, Elder I. K. Hicks, President of the Western District and the writer is President of the Eastern District. Here-to-fore we have attempted district meetings but nothing ever came from them.

Our slogan for the year is, "Something Must Be Done." We have a fine set of ministers in the state this year. The prospects for a good year's work is fine. We hope to take a survey of several places and begin new work.

Each church in the state is to have at least one good Evangelistic meeting during the year. We aim to go over the top with our state and national claim.

"THE SET OF THE SAILS"

"One ship drives east, and another west, With the self-same winds that blow; 'Tis the set of the sails, And not the gales, Which decides the way we go.

Like the winds of the sea are the wings of fate, As we voyage along through life; 'Tis the WILL of the soul That decides the goal, And not the calm or the strife."

—The Forecast.

S. C. I. MEETS

On Sunday, November 4th the Church at the Southern Christian Institute held its annual meeting and made full report of the year's work and elected officers. The churches adopted a constitution and bylaws. It has three elders and six deacons. One elder and two deacons are elected each year to serve three years. This obviates the trouble of electing an elder and deacon for life whether they serve well or not.

The Church now has sixty four members living here and active. The Church and its auxiliaries gave $1201.15 last year for missions, benevolences and education. This makes an average of nearly $18.77 per member. Perhaps not a dozen churches in the brotherhood gave that much per month.

In a spiritual way the Church made an equally good record. All its members contribute to the cause and those that have gone away to school have taken membership immediately where they went and they have gone to work where they could. It is our belief that if a brotherhood spends money to maintain a mission school to train leaders that it ought to give much attention to the religious training. Some of those well up in the educational world would like to make us like other schools in which we would lose all this. But we believe the parents will appreciate a school where their children have educational advantages equal to all the others and this careful religious training along with it.

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hymns, prayers, Scripture and sermon are unlike composites of a heterogeneous mass. The choir- and the pastor, like Jew and Samaritan, have no dealings with each other and sometimes the organist gets a prelude or musical selection as far from the theme as Dan was from Bathsheba. Divorced from mental effort the worship program flies around in the realm as mythical. Little effort would be necessary to get the songs, Scriptures and sermon to correlate and after a little these could be made some advances in prepared prayer. It seems a shame that the congregation should demand preparation when a person is going to speak to them but need no preparation when they approach God. They should give God the best even as they demand the best of their servant. A prepared worship program is as essential as a prepared sermon.

The second point in the average service is the unspiritual manner of taking the offering. Most of the time the sermon is lost and the communion de-spiritualized by the mad rush for envelopes, pencils, even change and back dues. Some places a second sermon on finances must be preached and the contribution is taken. Other places there must be an announcement of the collection ere church is dismissed. There is more rejoicing over one penny collected than over ninety and nine persons brought to Christ. The Great Commission has been changed to read, "Go ye into all the world and preach finances to the commercial world and the political world; there comes with these, working before any of these and along with these, the church world should be the climax of leading youth to its zenith of Christian manhood. What has helped the adult of our church more than the two Youth Conventions held in connection with our International Convention. Youth dares to do what they think is right. They tackle race prejudices meted out to the youth of the land. They are bold enough to discuss it on the floor of their conventions and through religious journals. They are even bolder to bring their findings to the floor of the convention to the mothers, fathers, and pastors who have "Self-pedaled" the wrong and admonished us to be patient. (To be continued in next issue.)

ARROWS
By R. A. ADAMS

For Preston News Service

Doing It Well

Whatever you may undertake,
If meagre be the task, or great,
If failure you would obviate,
Whatever there may be at stake,
If you would make it tell,
Then always do it well!

Whatever you may have to say,
For self, or pleading human weal,
Your best put into the appeal,
And you the multitudes will sway,
And their applause compel,
By always doing well!

If knowledge you desire to gain,
And win a niche among the wise,
The smallest thing do not despise,
What you desire you may obtain,
And win unmeasured praise,
By doing well, always!

This is a motto worth your while;
So, whatever you strive to do,
Whatever course you may pursue,
If others frown or smile,
With all your heart,
Do well your part!

To be good is noble, but to teach others how to be good is nobler—and less trouble.—Mark Twain.

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We are requesting the ministers to appoint a reporter in their churches to send the church news and keep the Plea before the people.

"THE PLEA" WILL SERVE THE CHURCHES IF THE MINISTERS WILL SERVE "THE PLEA."

J. E. W.

Christmas Seal Your Mail

Twinkle, twinkle, little seal,
How I jump at your appeal,
Send my little dollar quick,
Helping someone who is sick.

Bible Thought and Prayer

HOW TO CONQUER AN ENEMY.—When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.—Prov. 16:7.

PRAYER.—O Lord, Thou hast revealed Thyself and taught us to rest in Thee, for Thou hast compassed us about with songs of deliverance.

Bible Thought and Prayer

MERCY ASSURED.—He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.—Prov. 28:13.

PRAYER.—Our loving Father, we thank Thee that In Christ Jesus our Lord, when we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Bible Thought and Prayer

GUARD THE TONGUE.—Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.—Ps. 34:13-14.

PRAYER.—Thou knowest, Lord, that the tongue can no man tame; Existing thoughts in accord with Thine, and our tongues will speak only wisdom.
Does It Pay To Hold Conventions?

P. H. MOSS, Supt. of Religious Education

When once we take into consideration, the time and money spent in attending conventions, this question will not down. But up to now we have not found a better way to transact the business of which all have a common interest. In our cooperative work, there must be a planning for new work and reporting results of the year that has just passed. Somehow the radio does not serve this field. There must be the personal touch of head and heart: there must be a thinking through together the problems that confront us. Sometimes it requires thinking aloud on the convention floor; some of us are better at that kind of thinking than the quiet and prayerful way.

I know some times it appears to those who are less interested that this is all a matter of "fuss and feathers," but we have not discovered a better way as yet. We admit that some of our conventions have not gone very far in fifty years; but what if they had made no effort at all? I am reminded of the old saying: "How few think justly of the thinking few; alas! how many never think, who think they do?"

It seems that we must hold these annual meetings until we have found a better way. If our meeting together can result in the forward step in kingdom building; if the minds of many are better than that of a few; if we can line up the brotherhood in one great phalanx against the forces of the world, then we will not regret the spending of money, time and what little gray matter we have. It has been the privilege of the writer to attend the following conventions, since the close of the National convention.

Florida State Convention

The Florida state convention convened September 20-23 at Cypress, Fla. Long time ago the year 1891 we called the name Cypress, but when we could not find any one who knew anything about a church there, it was considered as another error of the Year Book. Last year Elder C. J. Bolling, the state evangelist of Florida, got in touch with some one from this point who invited him to make a visit to Cypress. Elder Bolling and the state President made a trip to this place and found a little group of disciples, who had been left alone so long until they could hardly be identified by the ear marks of disciples. There are several little congregations around and about Cypress. The state convention was invited to hold its session there.

The convention was not well attended but we count the discovery of these neglected brothers well worth while. They have been holding for years what they call "Union Meetings" on each fifth Sunday. I understand that the money accruing from these meetings after the overhead expense, have been used in the purchasing of lots in the cities, as a result they have several lots upon which they hope to build houses of worship at some time.

The convention reelected Elder S. H. Henderson, of Pensacola as President; Elder C. J. Bolling, who is now located at Century as state Evangelist. We hope to spend some time visiting that part of the field.

South Carolina State Convention

The South Carolina convention was held at Holly Hill, S. C. with the Gallilee Christian Church, October 9-14. Elder R. H. Boyd, President of the Bible School, opened the session just a little before noon of the first day of the convention. This department felt somewhat neglected because so many seemed to not have any interest in the teaching service of the church. They felt that they could well afford to stay away until it was about over. This same thing is noticeable in the local church, even many of the good shepherds fail to heed that injunction "Lovest Thou me, feed my lambs."

"A careful man ought I to be, A little fellow follows me, I do not care to go astray, For fear he'll go the selfish way."

Elder Boyd feels that there should be a little more time given for this department. There was no space for the young people to hold a program, otherwise the Sunday School session was very good. Elder R. H. Boyd was re-elected President.

The Women's Missionary Society opened its session Thursday morning with Mrs. Betsy Davis in the chair. Sister Davis has kept the work alive in the state convention since Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubbs, organized the women at the Macedonia church out of Ehrhardt some years ago.

I well remember the word of some of the women, when they were organized, they said that they were so glad that there was something that a woman could do. One of the brethren got so worked up over the matter, that he said "I tell you sisters and brothers, I feel pesticated; we must give these sisters a chance." Sister Davis was not the first President, but was elected very soon after, and since then she has done a mighty fine work in keeping organized.

The women of South Carolina are wondering why Mrs. Grubbs does not come among them once in awhile. Sister Davis knows no discouragement. She has or-

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SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

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III.

JUNIORS (9-10-11)

The boy and girl of this period is unlike the children of early childhood. It is a period of slow growth of health and hardihood. The teacher of this group must bear in mind that this is a period of good health and of boundless energy and vitality. The question then for the teacher to consider is whether she should control this overflowing energy, or, let the group alone control it. The teacher with the help of the group should control it through class organization, having something educational always for them to do when together. The Junior motto is: "Go ye doers of the word and not hearers only." Then the program for this group should utilize the time of these energetic boys and girls.

It is during this period that the gregarious impulse is strong, the desire to act in groups and not as individuals is out-standing. The child of this age more than ever delights in playing with larger groups. The fighting, wrestling, and competitive instinct is strong. At this time boys and girls form themselves into "gangs." Through these gangs much good or much evil can be wrought.

The teacher then should first organize her class in Bible School with the boys and girls as officers. Clubs for camping, hiking, hunting and other wholesome activities should be organized to aid the child in making use of this surplus energy.

As teachers of this group let us consider something the Juniors are mostly interested in:

(a) He is interested in Real Life, thus accounting for his boisterous ways. He desires to go up "against it" though it is difficult. His further desire to investigate or know real life leads him to be annoying, mischievous and do just what we do not want him to do. To him noise, confusion, and wrestling are all real life.

(b) He is interested in "Vari-ety of Experience"—He will try one experience after another for the activity and variation he gets. When he knows that his Bible School lesson will not be taught the same old way every Sunday it arouses in him new life and great anticipation.

(c) He is interested in Reading and Memorizing. The Junior child delights in reading about great heroes. He forms ideals then of right or wrong through the acts of the heroes whom he admires. Then you must give him books to read that will have noble characters for him to pattern after.

(d) He is interested in Nature. The Junior is much interested in scientific discoveries. He wants to know all there is to know about the world he lives in. He wants to keep before him, "The constant thought of God as companion in the moral struggles of life."

An Open Letter Sent Out

Dear Co-Workers:

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 25th, is the time the first offering is made by the Bible Schools for Religious Education and Home Missions.

The National Apportionment of the Bible School and Church offering on this year is Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00). Each Church School in the Brotherhood is asked to give in this offering the school is asked to give may be taken on the Four Special Days. Make this first offering as big as possible. Send an offering on Thanksgiving Sunday, take at one time for the beautiful program of the (United Christian Missionary Society) "Youth In Training." The program is educational, be sure to put it on in your school.

Write to the United Christian Missionary Society, Mission Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

I am enclosing a leaflet giving the National Apportionment of each state and each school in the state. Find your state then look for the name of school and see just what it is requested to give this year. Take at least one-fourth of your offering on Thanksgiving Sunday. If you find it impossible to take the offering, take it the Sunday before, be sure to take it. You will be interested in this information.

Out of 300 schools only 139 schools gave anything toward the national apportionment. 16 schools gave $25.00, 2 schools gave $50.00, 4 schools gave $75.00, 6 schools gave $100.00, 1 school gave $200.00, 16 schools gave $50.00, 2 schools gave $75.00, 6 schools gave $100.00, 34 schools gave the sum of $1,625.15 and 185 schools gave $642.00. And there were 30 one-dollar contributions. Can the program of Christian Education go forward as long as there is deduction to be found in our Brotherhood?

Send all offering as follows: The Department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society, Mission Building, Indianapolis, Ind. (This is the new Headquarters.)

Do our department the favor of reading this letter in your school. We want you to feel that this is a personal letter, but it is to be shared with the whole Church School.

Yours for the Goal ($3,000.00),

PATRICK H. MOSS, Supt. of Religious Education

MISS BESSEE E. CHANDLER, Elementary Superintendent.

EDUCATION AND RELIGION

In too many communities there is an antagonistic spirit existing between the church and the school. Science and "religion" have clashed numerously and "routinously." If science and religion are necessary forces of human life there should be no conflict. If science seeks the truth it will certainly find the true religion, thrus Christianity, "Seek and ye shall find." If there be a conflict, it is not a conflict between science and religion, but a conflict between the promoters, or leaders in the two fields.

Religion should enable its posessor to live a better, a nobler, a fuller, a happier, a longer life, and to respect the rights of his fellowman. Education, in the final analysis, seeks the same goal.

The leaders in each should understand and cooperate with leaders in the other. They should work together, for in unity there is strength. Many of their differences are delusions. They do not exist. We have made mounds out of mole-hills. The true co-worker of the church is the school, and the church leaders and those of the school should realize it and utilize the realization.

LEXINGTON LIVES AND LETS LIVE

A different one conducts each mid-week Service. James McKee swings on to the Sunday School and all alike that's good. Sister Amelia Jones "puts the Choir over." If a choir can run itself, LET IT.

Brother E. W. Chenault is better and out again.

We raised $100.00 on "Catch-up Day."

The District Sunday School met with us the middle of October.

We share brother Everett's grief in the loss of his wife, she died at Nicholasville, Sept. 7th.

We hope none of our friends lost their heads or life during election time.

KENTUCKY CHURCHES MUST FIND STUDENTS FOR LINCOLN INSTITUTE.

C. H. DICKERSON,
446 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

What steam is to the engine, energy is to the man.

Page Two
CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION
By J. B. Lehman

A PARALLEL CASE THAT IS NOT QUITE PARALLEL

Over a year ago the Episcopalians called President W. A. Battle from the Okolona School to become superintendent of their school work, and he left his wife to conduct the Okolona School and he took the field for them. Last week as I was taking the train at Cincinnati I found him as one of the passengers and we had the opportunity to talk over many things pertaining to the work in general.

I have very frequently said in writing and in speaking that we are not divided into North and South and there is no organic division between the white people and Negroes and that we ought to be enabled to do a much more permanent work than those churches that are divided into North and South, or those that have their membership almost entirely in one or the other sections. At first the work was slower and more difficult for us, but in the end it must be more permanent and more lasting. This I used to say from information I got some years ago, but through Mr. Battle I learned that we are not alone in this field now. The Episcopalians are not divided into North and South or into Negro and white and they have about as many churches in the South as in the North. And they have forged ahead in the work of Negro Education until they now have nine schools and are spending about $500,000 annually. This great advance has been made in the past few decades. This greatly outstrips the Disciples of Christ though the Episcopalians are not as numerous as the Disciples of Christ. And they are not making the mistake of some others of reaching for the higher education at the sacrifice of preparatory work. These schools are in a very real sense civilization builders and the influence that moulds the Negro youth in the preparatory stage will determine the future civilization. We must of course look to the higher education for all those who can and wish to go to the top, but we must not sacrifice the preparatory work for that.

The future place of the Negro in America depends on his ability to meet the people, North and South, in a Christian co-operation. The northern people have wished the Negro much more rights than the South wished, but it is yet in the theoretical stage. The white South has taken a more hostile attitude, but at heart it has been very sympathetic. And it has shown great capacity to change its attitude as time has gone on. Among the Episcopalians the southern bishops are the real dynamo that create the current of missionary passion for this cause. Bishop Bratton told me recently that he asked the Mississippi churches for one hundred thousand dollars for missions and he asked the privilege to designate it himself and they granted it and he spent the larger part of Negro education.

During the period from the Civil War to the World War the Negro in America was able to hold just about to his place of ten per cent and yet during that time the emigration from Europe averaged about a million each year. Now that emigration is shut out and the Negro has a monopoly of the hard labor of the country, if his rate of increase is not diminished he will be thirty per cent before the year two thousand comes around. But it is being diminished at an. The educated ones do not have large families and those who have emigrated north often live in such crowded condition that the death rate is very great. But nevertheless we must look for a large increase in the percentage.

The fate of any country is very largely in the hands of a minority that is as large as thirty per cent. As an initiative force it can not do much, but in influence it can be all powerful. The fate of America is in what we do for the Negro. And what the Episcopalians and the Disciples of Christ do must necessarily be of very great importance. We say this without disparaging what others have done. For example, the Congregationalists have been the leaders in this field and they have done a fine work. Their white membership has been entirely in the North and their members could go ahead and do what they pleased and go north for their vacations. This was a great advantage in the early stages of the work, for they could force a situation that was greatly hindered by prejudice. But it is not now the most fortunate situation when the Negro is coming to a more important place in the South. He must not be made to feel that the South is his enemy, though he has many enemies in the South. He must now feel that he is in a sense a missionary to help bring the South into full cooperation. In doing this he will learn his own limitations and capacities, and that will be a wholesome influence on the Christian white people of the South.

The Disciples of Christ should plan to double and treble and quadruple their effort for the Negro. The Negroes themselves should stand ready to shoulder their full share. I feel that in this respect we have excelled the Episcopalians and we certainly have the opportunity to make greater strides forward now. The earnest prayer of all of us should be to be led by the Spirit of God in what we do.

Bible Thought and Prayer

GOD WILL GUIDE THEE—Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go.—Ps. 32:8-9.

PRAYER—O Spirit of the living God, we need Thy guidance, for the way is strange to us. Keep us from self will. Make us teachable and then show us the way to walk.

TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY—The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:10, 11.

PRAYER—O Thou Lord of Life, be Thou born anew in us, and then we will pass on daily the good tidings and great joy to others until all people have received them.

Bible Thought and Prayer

LIVE RIGHT TODAY—Bless not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—Prov. 27:1.

PRAYER—Thou art from everlasting to everlasting God, but we are as the grass that withereth. We come to Thee to live in Thee because Thou art our security and our hope.
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COMMENTS BY THE EDITOR
Some Things We Can Do to Make "The Plea" a Success

COOPERATE—After all, the thing we have got to sell is the "Christian Plea." This means that our churches, pastors, secretaries or reporters must feel a personal responsibility for getting the news to the "Christian Plea" for publication. We are a people that like news, we like to share it, and we like to hear it; then why not report it to "The Plea," and let us all know about it?

Any information relative to visits from National Field Workers, visitors from the United Christian Missionary Society, news of pastors and evangelists, news of our schools and Missionaries will be welcomed or solicited as general Brotherhood news.

Information relative to special work, such as, celebrations, anniversaries, dedications, rallies, changes in the officary or the staff of workers, available pastors residing in the community and available pulpits in your city or community in need, or desiring a pastor. Additions to the Church—How? Transfers of members—Where? Church plans, programs, budgets and progress made; information relative to the history of the church, its chartered members, its past officers, total number of pastors to date, and the progress of the church through the years. The church's achievements, its contribution to the Brotherhood and its present status, this information will be received and welcomed as local church news items. Also we would like to have personal news items, matters pertaining to the individual members of the church, as for instance, change of Residence, Marriages, Births, Deaths, interesting incidents and accomplishments relative to the families of the church; also our friends would be interested in having the news items of our city.

Matters of General Interest Pertaining to the City

Special happenings of other churches, civic events, civic development and enterprise, industrial conditions such as, Construction Work Shops, Manufacturing, Road Work, etc., matters of interest to those desiring work, Racial and Inter-racial progress being made in the community; these are the things most of us would like to know about our "old home town," about our friends' "home town"; this is what is very necessary in cooperation and will mean much to create a real demand for the paper in this particular. In addition to this, we need the cooperation of all, in contributing material of inspirational, educational of informational nature, such as, Addresses, Sermons, Lectures, etc.

SUPPORT AND BOOST —The next thing we can do to make "The Plea" a success, is to give it our hearty support. "The Christian Plea," like every worthy enterprise, must have funds to keep going. From the 1st of September to the 1st of December has proven a very profitable period for "The Plea" financially, the total being, $513.19 gathered in from all sources with more than 150 additions to the Subscription List, which makes a very nice start. Let us not, however, feel that this is quite sufficient. Every member of the church should feel a personal responsibility for two things financially:

First—We are hoping that every one will pay his dollar for his subscription to "The Plea"; if you haven't got it now, make a pledge and indicate when it is most convenient to pay it.

Second—Make a contribution over and above your subscription to the "Christian Plea Fund." We can at least do this much to support our paper and then let us all together boost our paper, our church and our Christ. Nothing is better than a good boost. Be a BOOSTER, not a knocker for the "Christian Plea." We are asking every church to see that it has a "Plea Committee" composed of two of its most faithful and loyal membership, whose duty shall be to collect and report all News Items such as we have mentioned, and secure subscriptions or pledges to subscriptions, and contributions on pledges and contributions.

We specially feel at this season of the year, when we are all thinking of Thanksgiving, of the vast multitude of things we have to be grateful to God for, for, we feel that we ought to be deeply grateful for the privilege of being a co-laborer together with God. This is the season of the year when we as a church begin to think of special days, apportionments and quotas; in this particular, we want to call special attention to the Open Letter sent out by our BIBLE SCHOOL by Brother Moss in the column of Religious Education of this issue. We want to urge everyone to read and re-read his letter carefully and prayerfully as we note that less than one third of our Bible School actually contributed anything at all in the way of Missionary Offering. In a very large way this applies to our churches and their other auxiliaries—brothers this should not be.

While we are giving thanks to God for his bountiful gifts of life, let us keenly sense anew our obligation to Him because of heaven's most precious gift, its Son, and feel grateful for the privilege of being co-laborers with Him in saving the world.

We pay for what we get, and get what we pay for.
Church News

Sunday School opened at the usual hour Lesson "Christian Stewardship." Attendance to Sunday School and church fair.

Our pastor preached a wonderful sermon on Stewardship.

We were glad to have with us one of our State Workers, Mrs. Connie Doolan, who brought us a very inspiring message. We always enjoy the good news our State Workers bring.

We are urging all members to attend the meetings.

Our pastor visited his family in Kansas City. Mo. Visitors are always welcome.

Our slogan for all departments of the church is "Over the Top." We are indeed glad Rev. V. M. Alphin for our pastor. He has had unusual experience in all departments of church work.

The Langley Avenue Christian Church, Lord's Day, September 22, 1928.

We had the pleasure of having Rev. P. C. Cohran of Los Angeles, Calif., with us, who filled the pulpit in the morning services.

The subject of the discourse was: "The Preeminence of Christ."

We also had the pleasure of having visitors from St. Louis, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of the St. Louis Argus, and Mrs. Ambrose.

Elder La Touche extended the invitation. The finance was $44.00. The benediction was pronounced after which we went home rejoicing.

On October 28th the Church at Covington, Ky., had a corner stone laying by the Masonic order.

Elder C. W. Taylor reports that his members are back from picking cotton and his work is picking up.

NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. L. J. Wilson and Mrs. M. S. Brown for the Church, and Gretel Brown for the Sunday School. Our state evangelist Elder B. C. Calvert was in town the week of November 7th, 8th, and preached for us two nights. We are always glad to have him. His words of counsel come to us from the Father to a child. He is also guilty of making a house to house canvass to arouse us to our duty as Christians.

The observance of Thanksgiving Sunday is being planned in our school. Mrs. M. S. Brown and Mrs. Nettie Dulce are in charge of same and the children are "keeping their hands and mouths full." A letter from Miss Chandler has come to remind us (lest we forget). Thanks Miss Chandler. We pray that the work may grow in the state, and not only in the state but the whole United States until it shall be a credit to humanity and to God.

M. S. BROWN, Reporter.
B. L. JACOBS, Pastor.

SCOTT, ARKANSAS

Oak Grove Christian Church, Mrs. Martha Moore, Reporter.

November 4th was a high day at Oak Grove.

"A Club Rally"

The entire program for the day was:
11:15-12:00—Short sermon by the pastor, Elder W. Martin.
12:00-12:30—Unfinished business.
12:30-1:00—Recreation.
1:00-1:20—Scripture reading and discussion by Elder G. M. Thomas of Pearidge Christian Church.
1:20-1:50—Rally sermon by Elder W. S. Thomas of St. Daniel Baptist Church.
1:50-2:30—Offering raised by Bro. S. J. Jones of St. Daniel Baptist Church.
Amount: $156.80.
2:30-3:30—Lunch.
Adjournment.

The singing class (home) entertained the congregation with sweet songs during the program.

Owing to the weather conditions some that had planned to be with us didn't come.

Our object is to build a church some time in the near future.

Remember our motto: "Without halting, without rest. Always pushing better up to best."

Look to hear from us again soon.

Our little band of workers here at Scott are struggling to erect a church building which we are very much in need of.

On November 4 we set aside that Sunday to raise a large amount of money for that purpose.

We have been asked to raise through my club $100.00, so I am asking all of our friends to help us in this great effort. We are grateful for any amount you can spare.

Yours in Christ.
MARY V. MOORE.

The man who insists that things cannot be changed is usually one of the things that cannot.

The highest form of spending is spending oneself for others.
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

WOMAN'S DAY
Mrs. Euneta Brown Grubbs

Woman's Day is the one Sunday in the year when the Church is expected to give the Women of the Church the right-of-way to express their devotion to the Master to impressively put before the Church the world and the world needs and to lead the whole Church to its gifts for missions.

Woman's Day Offering

The offering should be made a really large part in this year's observance of Woman's Day. A large offering is to come from every field for enlarged work. With Missionaries waiting at home—unable to be sent out, now people ready and trained available, entering secular work until the time comes when the church can send them to the field for which they have prepared—it is surely a time when we through our organizations should urge that a great love offering be made. We are praying that individuals each will begin to plan now that this special offering will be an adequate expression of your own love and desire to help in the service.

A DRAMATIZED SERVICE

A Dramatized service "Around the World with His Disciples," has been prepared for Woman's Day. This is in harmony with our "Three Years with Jesus" work. This service to be presented by all Missionary organizations in the church and representative of the different fields in custom and is to emphasize the thought of a whole world waiting for the coming and service as one. This should be given at the right service. In the morning ask your minister to preach on the individual responsibility toward the world task—ask there are only a limited number of special speakers available. A copy of this play is being sent to every pastor and president of the Missionary Society, address, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indianapolis.

Woman's Day Attendance

This year our emphasis is on membership. If we make a great increase, the women must benefit thereby. Woman's Day, December 2nd, must be the focus of our attention. The offering should be made a really large one. A large offering is to come from every field for enlarged work. We hope each church will make this year's offering at least the same amount as was made last year. We want so much to reach them. Will you do your bit? Do not feel that it' a hard task, but that the Master willed that I be light. This is My Yoke is easy and my burden light."

Dear Co-Workers:

I am very grateful for the honor that came to me at the Chicago Convention in being elected your National President; to me it seems a blinder opportunity to serve. I do not feel that I was the one best fitted for the task, but that the Master willed that I be tried. One ship a week this time last year. We want so much to reach them. Will you do your bit? Do not feel that it was a hard task, but that the Master willed that I be light. This is My Yoke is easy and my burden light."

We are nearing Woman's Day, December 2nd, hope each society will have a well-planned program and give its moral, spiritual and financial support. When this day is over I would be delighted to have a letter from each society telling about it.

At that time you may address me at 491 N. 5th St., Columbia, Missouri. Elder Martin has accepted the pastorate there, and we are moving.

I am asking the editor to run my address at the bottom of the Missionary page of the Christian Plea a few issues if it is convenient, that all may get it and be able to keep in touch with me.

The following officers were elected at the Chicago Convention to serve for one year: President, Mrs. A. L. Martin, 401 N. 5th St., Columbia, Mo.; First Vice President, Mrs. John Kirkpatrick, 2326 W. Chestnut St., Kansas City, Mo.; Second Vice President and Historian, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Fort Gibson, Ok.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Susan Aftati, 3000 Germantown St., Dayton, Ohio; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. K. Spencer, 534 Ninth Ave., N. W., Rochester, Vt.; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Aletha Alexander, 551 S. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, III.; Treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Crawford, 750 Everett St., Kansas City, Kan.; Children's Worker, Mrs. B. B. Russell, 726 N. Lime Street, Lexington, Ky.; Field Secretary, Mrs. Rose V. Grubbs, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

WOMAN'S DAY OFFERING

Year's for Missions
MRS. M. L. MARTIN, President.
401 N. 5th Street, Columbia, Mo.

THE WALKING DEACON

V. G. Smith
Fulton, Mo.

A walking deacon is one that marches around from house to house, aggravating the preacher and stirring up the church. He's a nuisance!

A walking deacon is a preacher's thorn. He walks around on the street corners poking and prodding for adverse criticism from the enemies of the church and someone in the church. Then he collects the thousand-and-one excuses used by the ignorant to clothe his indifference. Finally he gets the focal point of some individual or auxiliary of the church and then he begins to walk.

He never walks toward the one involved. Such a one he shuns for he might not be able to prove what he wants to spread. But to the house of every other member and to all in the community he will listen he siddles up and repeats, intimates and agitates.

When the trouble brewed by him results in a serious deflection on the part of a member or group of members he assumes with gladness the role of prophet penitentiary and announces that he saw it coming from a long way off. He uses his voice to blame the one he dislikes most for the prejudice and sensing the part a walking deacon has played in the dismal affair.

THE WALKING DEACON

V. G. Smith

He stands for something in the church. No matter what it was he stood for, he stood for it.

No matter what out-of-date it was, he stood for it.

No matter how impractical it might have been, he stood for it.

No matter what compromise or substitute was offered, the deacon stood.

No matter how far ahead of the thing the church has come, the officer stood.

The standing deacon stands like the rock of Gibraltar, in the same place from year to year, beyond reason, beyond change and beyond hope.

This individual is an object to overcome, a stumbling-block to remove, and unless the rotation of officers is used to relieve the church officiary of such rubbish, a curse forever. (To be continued)
FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY "THE BLUE GRASS STATE"

Old Kentucky and her kin are jubilant over the prospect of the Christian Training "Chali" placed in Lincoln Institute in Lincoln Ridge, Rky., as the long sought solution of the "Kentucky School Problem."

Coming late in the season as it did, many Kentucky students had made full arrangements and gone to other schools.

Old Kentucky is busy in District meetings. Mrs. S. M. Brown and Mrs. B. B. Hutson are pushing the women's work.

Mrs. Ernestine Hancock, wife of Elder R. E. Hancock, pastor at Covington and the District Presidents are holding S. S. Institutes and we know what state evangelist C. H. Johnson is always doing for all departments.

Our State Board met in Lexington October 19th and we had a good report.

Samuel B. Devine is firing away at Paducah on the extreme west end and Sammy has a good "Help Meet" to hold while he spins.

William Owens of Louisville just closed a great meeting at Little Rock with H. T. Wilson. G. E. Litton and his good wife are holding a great meeting at Mt. Sterling for Brother Brown.

W. H. Allen is rallying at Lawrenceburg. S. Campbell is holding both feet on Paris.

C. H. DICKERSON.

MISSOURI NOTES

V. G. SMITH, Evangelist, Fulton, Mo.

The Annual Convention of the Second District convened with the New Haven Church, October 25, vice President J. H. Heatly, St. Louis, presiding.

The presidents of the other departments were present except Elder P. A. Gray of the Christian Endeavor Department. Mrs. Sarah Lampkins of Jefferson City, president of the W. M. S. Department, led her department to the leadership in finances, raising $44.00. Mrs. Noahal Webb, the secretary, was not present an account of illness. Mrs. Mary Van Buren, state president and Mrs. Cammie Do dilin were present and rendered valuable service on the program and in committee work.

Mrs. Anna E. Gilmore, president of the Bible School Department, was also in the line to perform the duties of her officer. The annual Franklin-Philo Tennis Match was held October 27. The team consisted of Jonas Sneed and Reginald Cullias, for the Franklin, and Eli Wilbers and George Washington for the Philos. They were rather evenly matched, too, but the Philos team won the event. The sets were won by the Philos 9-7; 8-4; 6-3.

The Hinds-Warren County Fair was in session this week. They did not have a very good week and have extended the time three days.

The school is on the prevention of Tuberculosis and Diphteria. We also had two comedies for entertainment. We plan to use our maxims often for such educational work in this community.

Priscilla Lawrence Jones of Piney Woods School was on the campus a few days ago visiting Isaac Turner, who is a student in our school this year.

WABBEASEA, ARK.

The Elliott Chapel Church of Christ is now making its final report for the year 1927-28.

When our delegates returned from the State Convention that was held in August from the 15th to 19th at Little Rock, Arkansas, we were inspired by some of the subjects that were discussed. One of the interesting subjects that was discussed was: "Can the Church Live Without the Sunday School?" It was finally decided by the majority of the Christians that the Church cannot live without the Sunday School. The Sunday School is the place where we learn and become familiar with laws of our Creator.

Through the Sunday School we have been successful in gaining most of the souls for the Master.

Rev. E. L. Towner, pastor, held a revival at the Elliott Chapel Church on the 9th of September. Two were converted and baptized. We were more successful this year in gaining souls than we were last year.

In the beginning of the New Year 1928 we reorganized our Sunday School. Brother Major Turner, our Supt., who has rendered splendid service during the past year was re-elected Supt. He has been very dutiful in stirring an interest in the officers and members to meet out and have our services on time. This is one of the main factors in the building of a good Sunday School.

Our National Holiday, Thanksgiving, has passed and our Sunday School had a great program.

MRS. EVELYN TURNER, Rept.
Does It Pay to Hold Conventions?  
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W. A. Fordham. After singing the Assembly song and prayer, the house was declared ready for what ever business that should come before it. Elder B. J. Gregory was called upon to preach the guide sermon of the Assembly. Bro. Gregory, recovering from a long illness, came forward with suitable remarks. His text was taken from Gal. 6:16, “And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace be upon them and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.” He told the story of how the American Indian walked in each others tracks. It appeared as only one man had passed that way. They followed a certain rule and guide of their tribe life. Referring to his physical state, he said “I am the same old coon, can’t climb as high, but I can stay out of the way of the dogs.” He closed that masterly sermon with an appeal to the young men who should be the torch from the trembling hand of the old ministers who were fast falling out of the ranks.

Following this great message, the Chief made his report of the work done during the year. The regular program of work was taken up for the day. Elder E. Z. Coley closed the day with a strong message.

The second day all committees were appointed. Elder Fordham, chief of the assembly, in giving the charge to the committee on ordination, said among other things, that, “If God had called a man to preach his gospel, and had nowhere for the preacher to preach, God was making a fool of him.” He believes that every man that has been called to the ministry, should find his field. Elder J. H. Rouse preached the mid-day sermon. Among many other good things brought out in the message, it was said, “That God wants a representative on earth; God always used the best he had to represent Him.”

Thursday night Elder O. Zollar of the Piedmont District preached at an overflow at the ‘Free Will Baptist’ church. It was reported that he brought a very fine message. Elder Steely, Chief of the Assembly of the Norfolk-Washington District preached to an overflowing house at the main convention. He brought a very interesting message to the delight of all who heard him.

Friday night Elder John F. Whitfield preached the closing sermon from 1 Cor. 1:23, Subject: “The three attitudes toward the cross.” Brother Whitfield brought us to our feet with his most logical and forceful sermon.

There are about one hundred churches in this district and over ninety ministers. All pastors were required to report with $5.00 each. $76.00 was the highest amount reported from one church. Vine Swamp, Kenston; Elder P. H. Howell serves as pastor. Total amount reported from churches and ministers $1,928.85. The public offering was not included in this report.

Our brethren known as Disciples of Christ, had a very fine spirit, and did much to make my trip pleasant. The meeting was opened through me, to the United Christian Missionary Society. $6.61. I have been invited by Mr. Edward L. Battle, President of the Sunday School convention, to visit his field and hold some institutes this year. Elder W. G. Best of the Second District convention also gives a standing invitation. I am glad to go among my brethren, and am willing to abide the time, until we all shall walk by the same rule.

LITTLE ROCK, KY.  
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Elder B. J. Kearse, state President called his session for Friday morning. The churches made very good reports, all things being considered. This part of the state was struck by that great storm about three weeks before the convention convened. Some few of the churches seemed to have a way of ‘fooling’ their pastoring him the convention fee is on hand and they will make report ere the convention is over but they never show up to make reports for the church nor send any money to represent in the convention. That is not right; our work can never go forward as long as some display besotted selfishness in their lives. The minister himself ought to awake sometimes. If he wants confidence of the people let him make his reports in open session to the convention. The convention has a right to demand a report of its President, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer, when this is done, he can defy any indictment made by an unknd brother. If the recommendations of the future work committee are carried out the state of South Carolina will show a great improvement in its work another year.

Elder Leroy Kearse, a young man who lacks a few years of finishing his education, was elected to serve the state as an evangelist this year. I do hope this will not be the end of his education as he seems to be very ambitious and expresses his desire to go forward with his education. If this young man is to succeed in the field as an evangelist, it means full cooperation on the part of the churches and ministers as well as a well planned program of the state Board. Elder B. J. Kearse, Was re-elected as President. We are expecting great things from the palmetto state. We hope the evangelist will report his work through the Christian Plea.

East North Carolina Assembly

The Goldsboro-Raleigh District, held its 57th Annual Assembly with the St. Paul congregatian, Ayden, N. C., October 23-26. The house was called to order by Chief

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COLLEGE NOTES  
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President and Mrs. Lehman and Professor Long attended the White State Convention last week. The opportunity received indicates the fine interest that is being shown by the people of the state toward our school. We now have a large number of students for Mt. Bethel College. Every old student ought to have at least one of these to stick with this case or on a better place of prominence. Advertise Mount Bethel College. These stickers sell for five cents each or three for a dime. One will be sent post paid to any student who will write for one. If you can't afford one, write and tell us and we will send you one free.
Ministers of the Gospel

By T. B. LIVINGSTON, V.D.M.

They are:

6. PIANOS—It is said that a famous musician once turned his instrument to exquisite pitch for a special performance. Satisfied with results he awaited the appointed hour. In the mean time some boys found the instrument and changed a couple of strings. When the artist appeared and touched the strings they gave out a most ear-grating discord. He was surprised and humiliated. In the eyes of the people he was a failure. In preaching the minister's soul is an instrument on which Christ plays spiritual symphonies to comfort, uplift, inspire, refresh His weary people. When the Divine Artist strikes the keys there should be no ear-grating discord.

The piano needs frequent tuning and so does the preacher's soul. To preach when he is not in-tune is to dishonor Christ. He should enter the pulpit from communion with God. Christ needs a well-tuned soul to deliver His messages to a needy, waiting congregation. The preacher should suffer no intrusion of any sort before his sermon. Even the teaching of a class in Sunday School may prove disastrous. First things must come first. Let us have frequent seasons of communion so that we might always be in readiness for service, but by all means let us see to it that we are exquisitely tuned for preaching. Let us give the Divine Artist the best facilities we can to display His power. Let me put the thought in verse:

Dear Master, now my soul's piano take And prove if any string be out of tune, Or flat on sharp! Its pitch exquisite make;

Connect Thou, Lord, for me What ringeth hast to Thee, Whenever Thou wouldst play or late or soon May heart and life release to wondering thro' Thy perfect son.

7. QUICKSILVER—Quicksilver fits into any mould and the true is known by His aptitudes. He becomes all things to all men that He might save some. Incidentally this adaptability means His salvation. Rigidity is banal. It dooms a character. Let Whitfield's slogan be ours, "We speak in the language of the market." Of course, adaptability does not mean conformity. Beware! Men are never elevated by those who descend to their levels. The river mingleth with the ocean yet is distinct from it. An anonymous poet furnishes an apt prayer:

"May every soul that toucheth mine, Be it the slightest contact Get therefrom some good, Some little grace, one kindly thought, One aspiration yet unfelt, One bit of courage For the darkening sky, one glimpse of brighter sky Beyond the gathering mist, To make this life worth while And heaven a surer heritage."

8. RESERVOIRS—The waters of life descend from them through countless channels to bless, refresh, and save society. Christ, the Eternal Fountain of Life hath ordained that through 'earthen vessels His treasures should become accessible to the perishing multitudes. May we realize our nothingness and the honor conferred upon us. You cannot put anything into a vessel thus filled with something else. Let us pray,

Oh, empty us of self, the world, and sin. And then in all Thy fulness enter in.

May the thirsty heart never be disappointed because of our failure to keep ourselves meet for the Divine In-filling. The following prayer is appropriate:

"Oh, to be nothing, nothing! Painful the humbling may be, Yet low in the dust I'd lay me, That the world might by Saviour see.

Rather be nothing, nothing! To Him let our voices be raised; He is the Fountain of blessing; He only is meet to be praised.

Oh, to be nothing, nothing! Only to lie at His feet, A broken and empty vessel, For the Master's use made meet."

9. SALT—Salt is an aseptic. We put it on fresh meat to keep it sweet and good. The influence of Christ's ministers should make for the prevention of conception in youth. Salt permeates, purifies, and preserves. It is the minister's mission to permeate the world with the Spirit of Christ, to purify it from all unrighteousness, and to preserve it for the coming of the Lord. How terrible, if we lost our seasoning power!

10. TRUMPETS—Among the Hebrews, this instrument in times of peace as well as in war. In times of peace, it was blown softly to assemble the people or their rulers together. When they were to move camp or to march to war, it was sounded deeper. It was important that the trumpeter give no uncertain sound. He

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THE SITTING DEACON

V. V. Smith

Blessed is the man that—nor siteth in the seat of the scoffer.

Some deacons constantly sit. They have not the energy to elevate themselves nor lead the church into any sort of new venture. They have not the vitality to arise from the seat of the scoffer which is based on ignorance. Some officers will not read a single magazine on church life nor subscribe for one paper that might suggest a new way. He siteth until, like Goldilocks in "The Three Bears" he siteth the bottom out of the chairs both mentally and physically.

The pathway to glory is made up of a row of moving seats and he siteth down on the first to come his way and never gets up until the entire circuit is made. He is a church fixture like the organ and like most of the organs just as useless as any other part of the obsolete furniture.

His favorite hymn is—"I shall NOT be, I shall NOT be moved" and loud and loud he sings, seated in the seat of the scoffer.

Not only does he sit on everything that counts for progress because he is afraid the church will move off and leave him as he sits on and on.

BY THEIR FRUITS

Jesus has said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Such test is the only just test on any person who thinks right will admit it but so few are "Bring forth fruit worthy of repentance."

Some like the fig tree cursed by Jesus, bear no fruits at all. Thriving in the atmosphere of the church, rooted in the soil of Bible School Training, drinking in the sunshine of God's mercy. They make a good appearance by going through the hollow mockery of Christian service which is the fruits necessary. They never worship, only go to church. They never are touched, only "whopped up." They never serve, only excuse themselves. Their place is only that of matter, to occupy space.

Some produce rotten fruit that before it ripens it is past the stage of usefulness. The church budget is raised ere that one is ready to subscribe. The entertainment is over ere such fruit is ready to do its part. The new idea of personal responsibility "dies-a-borning" and the fruit falls ere it has reached the stage where it will be useful. Any portion of the life will show splendid prospects that never seem to materialize. Great possibilities greet the eye but when harvest time comes the only fruit is the shrivelled-up, rottenremains that litter the ground thereabout.

Some fruit is stunned and never reaches its full growth. Bewildered, lost and disappointed, the individual finds no way to consummate the thing started. Lack of knowledge, lack of enthusiasm, lack of vision, lack of foresight, all contribute to the ultimate failure of the life to produce. The life goes through strangely ineffective to realize those noble sentiments that grow up in a conscientious soul. The tree does its utmost but the fruit is not worth being picked. Possibly the soil is not rich enough to produce the sort of fruit that the tree has to produce. Mayhaps the pruning of those little personal habits and private vices has not been well done and there is too much vitality being sapped by useless branches. So far as the real object in mind, the Production of Fruit, is concerned, there is no more to be said than the tree which does not produce at all.

Some fruit follows the blooming which is late and ere the fruit has matured the frost nips the tree and all is lost. Many trees bloom and at such a time are more beautiful than ever before but if they retain their petals and bloom on and on, the fruit never matures. The Christian that keeps the emotional exaltation and joyful conversional thanksgiving too long is liable to find himself too far in arrears to produce fruit. To shed the beautiful to get to the useful is not a new idea for mere beauty is not a reality unless the beauty of service is at the core. Unless the base of the blossom is the embryo of the fruit, the tree has no reason to ask for any place in the category of usefulness but like the Japanese Cherry Row on the drive in Washington, live only for beauty, blooming all summer but producing no cherries at all. A Christian life is not a show window affair, its an existence of useful service.

Last there is the class that bears fruit. In its season and the leaves doth not wither. We do not expect oranges off plum trees nor apricots from the branches of a peach tree. The large bunches of bananas come from a tree that has no right to lord it over the cherry tree because its fruit takes precedence in size. Certain principles guide in the production of all fruit. That is there must be life, there must be soil nutriments, leaves to make chlorophyll, branches to hold the fruit. So in the production of good fruit there must be a consecrated life, a willingness to take in the nourishing qualities of God's love and work in converting the into useful properties for growth and to grow a spiritual culture that will bear the luscious fruits of spiritual service.

AVOID THE SHADOWS

S ARVING for the joy of giving—that is perhaps the starkest form of poverty of the Christmas season. To dispel point the children, to bring the shadow of a cloud into small expectant faces—this is tragedy indeed. The restriction of pen

Gypsies and Christmas

Gypsies credit the Christmas horn with powers of divination, ability to remove the "evil eye" and various other attributes.

Mistletoe at Christmas

The use of mistletoe at Christmas time is traced to the Druids, who used it in the production of all fruit. That is there must be life, there must

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

Why Lose Faith?

Recently we rode on the train through Indiana with a prominent Negro general worker who lives now in New York city. In our conversation we talked over many things and finally he asked me, "Why, if God is good, did He make a devil, and permit men to suffer as they do?" I asked him why he asked that question, and he said, "In New York City and all through the East my people are asking this question and are so fast losing their faith that it is almost a mass movement." I said, "In the first place, it is not peculiar to the Negro youth, but the same thing is true with the mass of white students over the country. But then he asked, "What shall I say to the young people?" "In the first place," I said, "no matter what doubts we may have, in the end we will be compelled to say like Peter, 'Where else can we go?' These young people will by almost one leap come to the place where they will cry out in agony for something. Fifteen years ago the leading German scholars were cynics and had no use for Christ and God. After they were through with the World War they were ready to come to God in the old humility. It will always be so. They will soon come to the end when they must cry out for the old faith.

But for those whose mind wants a reason we feel there is a most convincing thought. They who think there ought to be no suffering for righteousness do not know the law of growth and development. The kingdom of God is a growth, a development, a fact which Jesus well understood. "If ye have yet many things to say but ye can not bear them now." "When he, the Spirit of Truth, is come he will lead you into all truth" and many more of His sayings reveals this. Nature illustrates the law. The plant life came from lower growths. By and by man began to develop the most promising of the weeds and he developed the useful vegetables. But weeds left behind kept on fighting the vegetables so the tiller of the soil must keep them cut out. Behind him is left the regenerate human nature and this battles him like the weeds battle the vegetable. Jesus himself had to conform to this law and it sent Him to the cross. When we grow up higher it will send us to our martyrdom just as it did Jesus. God could not have made all men good in the beginning for God is a God of growth and we are like God in that we grow.

His Kingdom is a maturing kingdom and if we want to be Godlike we must mature according to His law. God could not have made only vegetables and not weeds for that would violate the law of development. So let us say to these students that are losing faith and are becoming cynics, Do not become discouraged when you suffer divers difficulties in the struggle against the evil in the world. When you suffer for righteousness you are God-like. If we did not suffer in a struggle for better things then we would be just like lower animals which never struggle for better things. The pathway of human's great souls since the day when Adam first saw God has been strewn with sorrows and pains, but they are God-like. He who would escape them does not know the law of development.

Those Negro students that are losing their faith do not understand the story of their development during the past three hundred years. They do not know when they have escaped and at what price their escape was purchased. If they lose faith now they will lose all else. So far as they are concerned, the fight is lost. All that has been gained is thrown away by them. There is coming a day when righteousness will reign supreme, but that day can not come until the weeds in the soul are destroyed, and there must be much suffering before that day can come. When the people of America, the Negro youth that went through the missionary school should stand the most firm. If he lose his faith now he will be like the corn that loses its hoer. The weeds will overtake him just as they did the cynical Germans. Israel had many experiences of this kind. Every nation that loses faith will have them. American youth will not go far in its cynicism until it too will suffer as all others have.

We are not afraid that God will not win out. If man does not follow as a cheerful volunteer, He conscripts him and wins out anyway. Oh the heartaches and sorrows that mankind has suffered because it lost its faith and did not trust God! Oh, American youth, tempt not God! If you lost your faith you will lay up sorrow for your children unto the third and fourth generation.

"Very, very sad, sir," said the doctor, "I greatly regret to tell you your wife's mind is completely gone."

"Well, I'm not surprised, Doc," returned the husband, "she's been giving me a piece of it every day for the last 15 years."

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NOTE

This column will be reserved for the Layman's opinion and views on any subject pertaining to religious life or Christianity and will be called, "AS A LAYMAN SEES IT."

THE EDITOR.

Three Instances of Interracial Good Will Reported from Texas Town

Three interesting illustrations of interracial good will and cooperation have recently occurred in this city, the story of which is passed on by way of suggestion and encouragement to other communities. The first was the unveiling of a monument to the soldiers who lost their lives in the Spanish-American and World Wars, the monument carrying the names of both the white and colored soldiers. At the unveiling the Negro good-star mothers were given the same recognition as those of the white group.

The second illustration occurred when the city set out a few months ago to extend its system of sewers. The Mayor, a member of the interracial group, told the City Council that the service must be extended to the Negro section, even though some of the white sections had to wait. In accordance with his suggestion two lines of sewers were laid into the colored area, and in the meantime certain extensions into the white area are still on the waiting list.

The third instance was a small matter, but not insignificant. The white high-school students recently devoted an edition of their paper to the public schools of the city. In this edition the colored schools were given the same consideration and space as the white schools.

THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF COLORED P.T.A.

Charleston, W. Va.—Fifteen states and a total membership of 14,000 were represented at the National Congress of Colored Parent-Teachers at its annual convention in this city recently.

"Two years ago, when the Congress was organized, only four states and 4500 members were represented. Meantime the number of local association have grown from 300 to 908. The organization, according to the president, is receiving the generous and hearty cooperation of educators and official welfare agencies, and has every reason to expect a future of enlarging usefulness."

"Laziness trumps so slowly that poverty soon overtakes it."

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Miss Heppsie's Christmas turkey had disappeared and she had looked in every crevice and cranny of the great old Padgett place, chiefly to reassure herself. She was indignantly sure that she knew who had taken her bird, although she had not really seen it go, for there had been hushed rumors of her neighbors' evil practices. Miss Heppsie had not listened very much. Lonely and prim, she lived in the house where her father was born. The changing world beyond her walls went by without her knowing, and the ill-reputed neighbors were strangers, except for an occasional glimpse of a horde of bedraggled children. And now she hated them.

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But with a strange uplifted pride, the biggest of the children blurted out: "Maw sent it back," Miss Heppsie continued to stare. There was nothing encouraging in the steady gaze of her eye as but the boy went on: "Maw sent us out to wipe it but she changed her mind. I guess. She didn't want to cause a scene, you know. Christmas, and we'd just have hominy and turnips, and apple sauce for pudding, same as always. She sent yer turkey back 'cause, even if you didn't need it, really, 'twasn't hers. Suddenly the boy began to cry, "But we ain't gotta' steal no more. We ain't ever, 'cause maw, she said we wasn't." The moonlight that fell on his earnest face caused the lines of hardness and left only a baby purity. Babies, surely, almost all of them were, biddled there together, strangely timid yet strangely strong in the humbleness of their confession. Across the night a song rang out, carolers bearing His message, "For whatsoever ye do unto one of the least of these—"

Suddenly Miss Heppsie saw her Christmas table, laden and she in selfish solitude, presiding at the feast. No love had ever stirred her heart at Christmas. And she saw her child again, with a group of happy faces around it, immersed in turkey and cake, and at the foot of the table, a mother who said, "We ain't gonna' steal no more." With a soft, choked cry, she opened her arms long empty, and into their warmth she drew the tangle of hundred, hungry, chilllren. And now she hated them.

In the windows the holly wreaths of green With berries red appear, And even the air seems more serene As though it were listening to hear Their world's own carols. On that first Christmas night, As angels sang in the long ago When Bethlehem's star shone bright.

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The Helping Hand gave a Hallowe'en Social which netted $11.85 and reported over $25.00 on hand. They donated $15.00 on the coal for the church, put up a door for the kitchen of the church and paid for the floral design of the W. M. S. for Mrs. Broyles.

Mrs. Emma Richmond is convalescing from a severe heart attack.

Mrs. Kemper Joy will speak at the First Christian Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi Friday night, December 21, 1928 in celebration of paying off the church mortgage.

BROTHHERHOOD NEWS

The Joint Executive Committee met at Memphis on November 21.

Miss Chandler worked East Tennessee during the first part of November and went to Kansas the latter part.

Brother Moss went to Texas during the latter part of November.

Brother Gray worked Mississippi during October and November and goes to Oklahoma and Kansas for December.

Mrs. Gray was a recent visitor in Memphis to make arrangements for her new duties as assistant to the Editor, beginning the first of the year, 1929.

PERSONALS

Elder Taylor is now enjoying good health and is going about his duties with grim determination and vigor.

Elder J. H. Parker has resigned his pastorate at Hannibal, Mo.

Elder and Mrs. E. H. Burton are the proud parents of a fine girl.

Elder C. E. Craggitt is back at his post of duty at Woodlawn Avenue after a four weeks' meeting with Hannibal and Frankfort Churches.

Elder and Mrs. K. R. Braun are now enjoying their beautiful new home.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bethany Relief Association and the Cross Street Christian Church gave a very fine dinner for the purpose of making the little children happy.

The turkey weighed 22¼ pounds. Mrs. Astor surely knows what to do to make things enjoyable. She and her husband are very dear people.

MRS. S. BOSTICK.

"Face the light and you will not walk in your own shadow."

NOTICE

Dr. J. E. Walker will speak at the Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear old Centennial was alive Sunday meeting all day. The installation of minister and wife, W. M. Alphin was very impressive. We had with us many visiting ministers. Mrs. Alphin was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. She in return made a beautiful talk. Rev. Dannivant's church had charge of the music. Many solos and quartets were beautifully rendered. Visitors always welcome.

W. M. Alphin, Minister.

A. F. MITCHELL.

GREENWOOD, MISS.

Chapel congregation is putting on new life. Elder C. J. James of Rusta Lara, Miss., was called to this work in February. Preached his first sermon as minister 3rd Lord's Day in March. The church has been greatly helped under his leadership in attendance, spiritually, financially and in growth. There have been eleven added to the church, 2 reclaimed, 3 from the Baptist, all being adults, and 6 by confession and baptism. The church program has been outlined and each member is striving to help put the program over. Third Lord's Day in this month regular pastoral day, also Rally for the church. We are just beginning to make that day a high day. The Bible school is a live wire, each department of the church has pledged to do a greater and better work.

This congregation is asking your prayers that it may succeed in carrying out its program and to continue in the Apostle's doctrine, and teaching as laid down in the New Testament.

J. N. KEYES, Reporter.

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SAVING THE YOUTH FOR SERVICE

By Mrs. C. E. Graetz

It is a common and almost universal error to suppose that religion is something that belongs peculiarly to old age. The picture of old man or woman sitting in a wooden pew, pondering over a voluminous, holy, tattered book which artist and author have been found of the grace of God is very noticeable. It is a hopeful fact that religion belongs peculiarly to the young. I mean by that, that religious impulses, religious enthusiasm and exaltation and faith take their first impulses and express their finest desire not in old age but in childhood. And where such impulses and exaltation and faith are suppressed, all the sufferings, the superstition, and the military ideal are being hidden by life. There is still the crusading spirit abroad in the world. Social injustices, racial discrimination, and the world Federation of Young People promises opposition to the good gift of life. Where there are hunger and the suffering, the superstition, and the military ideal are being hidden by life where there are hunger and the suffering, the superstition, and the military ideal are being hidden by life. There is still the crusading spirit abroad in the world.

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH AND WOMEN OF THE CHURCH LIFE

THE VALUE OF BIBLE READING

By Bertha Banks Witten, Bluefield, W. Va.

It requires very little of our time to read a Bible chapter each day. We could easily spare time and not miss it from our daily program. On the contrary, it would be a waste of time to put the Bible aside for another quarter hour in the morning watch. If widespread it could but exert a profound spiritual influence throughout the world.

If we would all agree to read a chapter in the New Testament each day and put into living the principles presented in this best of Books, we would in a short time have the whole world throbbing with the power of a great religious awakening.

For our own sake and for the sake of others, let us search the Scriptures daily.

LEXINGTON, KY.

The Christian Plea brings us word of the Beloved Brethren and "How they do." The new names along with the familiar ones make good reading.

We had a few joyous days this Fall in "The Old Home Town in Old Virginia" where my Brother G. M. is the pastor. His are a great people. Tazewell, Va. is indeed no mean city. This is protracted meeting season in old Kentucky. Most of the Brethren had good meetings and are now "In for the winter."

Lexington waited till after election and began November 13th. Elder Wm. Martin, the successful minister at Danville, Ky. conducted our meeting.

Our Sunday School is featuring the "Teen Age" class, taught by the pastor, using the little booklet, "The Bible in a Nutshell." This instead of the voluminous Quarterly with its indefinite generalities.

"Teen Age" ought to know the Bible itself from one who knows and believes it.

Our Superintendent, Brother James McKee is a jewl, not late once in five years, uncomplaining and never misses morning or night service.

Our Ministers' Alliance is thriving on some By-Questions, about which every man has his say.

Some seven connections are represented. Elder Litton of Georgetown, Ky. has just been re-elected president of District 24 Sunday School Field Improvement.

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Mississippi “The Magnolia State”

The revival at Clarksdale on November 4th with six additions. Three by primary obedience, and three reclaimed. More than $200.00 was raised during this revival. It was conducted with home forces. Evangelist Calvert did the preaching. The4th spoke at First Baptist Church Sunday evening, November 4, at 8:30 p.m., and raised for that church $24.00. At the close of the services, we received a very impressive baptismal service in the basement of the same church. Three were buried with the Lord.

The 5th and 6th of November, Wednesday and Thursday nights, found the Mississippi Evangelist with the North Jackson Christian Church. Broth. H. S. Brown, Brother A. Cameron, Brother E. Wilson, as officers, were at their post of duty.

Mrs. H. A. Heath, Mrs. F. A. Vaughan, Mrs. Jennie Coleman, and Mr. F. R. Young were delegates from Clarksdale to the District Convention at Mound Bayou, Miss., November 15-18, 1928. All were a real asset to the meeting.

Elder J. G. Keys and Sister Isabell Brown were delegates from the Bethel Church. Elder Keys, with his years of experience, helped in many ways.

Elder B. C. Calvert wished to have his friends and all workers to know that his address has been changed from West Jackson, Miss., to P. O. Box 2, Gowdey, Miss. This is a sub-station Post Office nearer his home than West Jackson.

Mrs. Mary B. Sallo, Mrs. E. M. Tomseil, and Miss Nellum represented the Shaw Christian Church at the Mound Bayou District Convention. Brother J. A. Lee was delegate from the Indiana Church.

Elder E. B. Griege and Brother Jerry Porter were the delegates from the Holy Grove Church.

A resolution was adopted in the Mound Bayou District Convention expressing our sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Dr. W. A. Scott. The resolution was presented to the Convention by Evangelist Calvert and was adopted by that body. It is as follows:

We, the Mound Bayou District Convention of Churches of Christ of Mississippi, in session at Mound Bayou, Miss., upon learning of the death of our late Dr. W. A. Scott, A. B., D. D., humbly humbly tender to Almighty God who doeth things well, His way, not ours, His will be done. We feel confident that the spirit of our deceased Educator and Leader is with Him with whom do dwell the spirits of just and honorable persons.

And since Mississippi has reaped the benefit of his labors for more than eighteen years as leader of the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention, and as Pastor and Teacher in a number of the schools.

We, the Mound Bayou District Convention, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their darkest hour of grief, hoping and trusting that they will not grieve as those who have no hope.

Be it further resolved that those resolutions become a part of our minutes, and that a copy be sent to the Christian papers for publication.

During the Convention, and especially on Saturday, November 11, the time allotted to the Ministerial Period was taken in deprecating the needs of the District, and to better our work the following resolution was adopted:

We, the Mound Bayou District Convention, in each local Church cooperating with our District and State Conventions, send at least one delegate with the report, and that said delegate or delegates be present at the opening of the Convention and remain until the close.

Be it further resolved that all ministers and officers of the local Churches of the District attend the District Conventions whenever and whenever they meet. Any minister or officer failing to comply with this resolution without a reasonable or lawful excuse, will be considered out of harmony and out of order with the District.

The Mound Bayou District Convention voted to go to Clarksdale in February, 1929, with the next District Convention.

Elder Calvert will preach the Thanksgiving Sermon at Bethel Thanksgiving Day. The object of this service is to raise money to build a new Church Home.

Seventeen dollars and six cents were raised by the Mound Bayou District Convention for Mrs. S. S. Blackburn who is still in the hospital at Springfield, Ill. The hospital fee is $2.50 per day. She has been there more than two months. How much will you give? “The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.”

Mrs. P. R. McCarty took the lead in lifting ten dollars for Elder J. G. Keys to aid him in getting a new set of teeth that his speech may be clearer.

Miss L. O. Christmas was organist during the Convention and rendered excellent service.

Mrs. P. R. McCurry and Mrs. M. Christmas both made apendix addresses during the Convention.

Evangelist Calvert preached the closing sermon of the Convention. It was a master-piece.

B. C. CALVERT.

From the West Virginia Hills—Bluefield, West Virginia

Mrs. Etta Banks Witten, Reporter

The little band at Jones Street Church is still in the march although being without a pastor for sometime, the members are still trying to carry the work along.

The missionary society is doing a splendid job. Mrs. S. E. Hairston, the president. The membership is growing and the meetings are interesting and inspiring. We were visited last month by Brother J. F. Whitfield of Roanoke, Virginia, who preached two helpful and inspiring sermons. We hope he'll come again soon. We appreciate the interest that our visiting Brother has for our work.

We ask the sincere and earnest prayers for all, throughout the entire Brotherhood, that this work here in Bluefield may grow and be a noble work for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From the Banks of the Old Kentucky

Last time I wrote about “That Pratt” Today we have a little chat about another man we know. He is the one who makes things go.

Sometimes the “Boys” would up and try him, but he’d just sit and let ’em go. Then up and tell ’em what to do.

Pears like he’d thought the whole thing through from every angle false and true. And when the plier tossed the ball the umpire understood it all.

He plays no favorites in the chair His rulings fairest of the fair His honored Name I need not mention President of National Convention.

“Old Father Time” has made him wise His radiant heart beams through his eyes His usefulness cannot be rated With national force still unabated.

In tribute to this man in rhyme We think of one in olden time Who led them out of Egypt land Cross hills and deserts burning sand.

Our National Convention proves That men will honor whom they love If any great respect is due him In life’s the time to slip it to him.

We have some other noble people Who’ve headed toward the shining steeple And you will be of same persuasion If you just “Trot out” the occasion.

We took Chicago “By the horns” Twas same Convention, sure’s you’re born The next down South can’t be a failure If we will follow Preston Taylor.

—O. H. DICKERSON.

446 Ohio Street, Lexington, Ky.

Shakespeare says: “It is religion that doth make vows kept.” From this, does it not follow that where vows are not kept, there is no genuine religion?

The love of God and our fellow men is not a natural development of the depraved human heart. It is a divine implantation.

The pure-hearted are the true-hearted.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL
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had to exercise care lest the tones of his instrument conveyed the wrong note. We are God's trumpets. Through us He rallies His forces to Holy Warfare, and through us He gathers them together for refreshment, instruction and counsel. It is important that we be responsive to the skill of the Great Trumpeter.

No uncertain sound must be given. We must not say, "Peace, Peace," when destruction is threatening, neither must we fail the Master when He would speak in gentle tones of comfort to wounded spirits.

Paul describes our mission in Colossians 1:28, "Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." To listen to some preacher one would come to the conclusion that the Gospel Trumpet has only one tone or note.

"He blew the trumpet soft and clear
That trembling sinners need not fear;
And then with louder note and bold
To raze the walls of Satan's hold."

Lord Christ, use us as Thy trumpets to Thy glory. May our ministry be according to Thy plan and purpose. Let milder accents proclaim the condescending God, and when the enemy must be conquered, sound an effective alarm through us to Thy embattled host:

"Their sound goeth forth, Christ Jesus is Lord!
Then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall;
As when the dread trumpets went forth at Thy word,
And one long blast shattered the Canaanite wall."

Then loud be our trumpet, and strong their sound.
To rouse us, O Lord, from slumber of sin;
The lights Thou hast kindled in darkness around,
O may they illumine our spirits within."

LEXINGTON, KY.
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two day session with us in October. Sister Lizzie G. Smith of Danville, the president is pushing the District along at a lively gait.

Yours for "Plea."

"Thinkers are as scarce as gold."

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

It Was Christmas Eve

By
Lily Rutherford Morris

GEORGE HARDMAN left the train hesitating as it stopped at the old familiar station. His firm was sending him South on business, and as he approached Heburn, where he had so long worked and loved and lost, he found himself unable to resist the temptation to stop off for the night, just to give the old place the once over again.

Three years before he had left suddenly, when the rumor of Dora Dean's engagement to Andrew Clews reached his ears. There had been some trouble at the bank where he worked—a wrong use of funds. George's name was at first connected with it, and

of holiday decoration. Everything everywhere glowed with various colored lights, holly wreaths, candles and Christmas bells. On the courthouse square a community tree stood blazing, and on building steps church choirs were singing merry Christmas carols.

George left his grip at a corner drug store, and circling around the crowd which had congregated on the street, stepped behind an evergreen on the square and dropped down on a bench to watch and listen. Presently a hand fell on his shoulder, and he looked up into the smiling face of Dora Dean.

"Dora!" he was on his feet instantly. "Dora?"

"Oh, George, why did you run off so abruptly? I've tried every way to find you."

"Why should you wish to find me, Dora? Are you not Mrs. Clews?"

"No! A thousand times no! Andrew started that report, and you didn't care enough for the truth to come to me for it."

"Dora, do forgive me! I acted the fool, of course, I should have learned the truth from you; but I was so hurt, so hurt, Dora."

"That report of our engagement was as false as was the report circulated against you, George. But I believed in you. And you—"

"Oh, Dora, dear, please don't remind me of my folly. I am miserable as it is. Is it too late, Dora, to take up things where we left off? I do want you for my wife. I could never love anyone else.

Dora's head went to George's shoulder as he embraced her tenderly and whispered: "How about making it a Christmas day celebration?"

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Born on Christmas Day

In Ireland it is believed that the baby boys born on Christmas day are thereby destined to become priests. Beyond that, those born on Christmas day were believed to have the power of "healing" by the laying on of hands, and to be gifted with "second sight."

January 6 as Christmas Day

Recent investigators incline to the belief that in fixing January 6 as Christmas day, the early Christians were not very far out, for January 11 would be this correct day. — Montreal Herald.

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OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION

THE WOMAN'S SESSION OF OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION AS SEEN BY ME IN CHICAGO AUG. 27-3, 1928.

by Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Ex-National President, who served faithfully for six consecutive years, and is now enjoying the quietness and sweetness of a beautiful home life at 2511 Highland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Each year it has been our custom to give a write-up of our National Convention just as we saw it on its upward trend. We have striven to give our women something NEW and BETTER and give all a much better understanding of our Missionary work as the years come and go. We feel today, perhaps as never before, that the great need among our women is most unquestionably that of a trained leadership. We rightly emphasize the great need of fellowship in the larger work of the entire brotherhood; but let it be remembered that even this is dependent upon leadership.

OUR CONFERENCE PERIOD.

With the thought of a trained leadership in mind, we called the women together in a two days conference period, just prior to the opening of the Convention proper. This, we believed, was a forward step in leadership training. We were exceedingly happy to have with us a number of our state workers and leading Missionary women. We received a great deal of inspiration as we discussed our many difficult problems and well formed plans and attempted to inaugurate the best improved methods to get desired results. We feel the best way to help others is to give them the plans we have successfully used in accomplishing things in our own local, District and State work. Our Conference Period was very ably conducted by Miss A'ma E. Moore. All of us felt greatly strengthened.

THE WOMEN'S SESSION

On Tuesday, August 28, 1928, the woman's session began with a very fine spirit prevailing throughout. One of the outstanding features was the devotional led by Mrs. B. B. Hutson of Kentucky and Mrs. A. Staples of Maryland. It was one of the very best we have ever had. We trust we may continue to have better devotionals each year. It afforded us great joy to have so many of our women present, and especially those of the Piedmont District.

STATE REPORTS

The reports made by our State Presidents and Field Workers showed remarkable results. As we saw this phase of our work, it indicates that our women have been wide awake in most of our States; not only did our reports show this, but the excellent paper read by Miss J. K. Spencer of Roanoke, Va., and the splendid Missionary sermon preached by one of our fine young Ministers, Eld. W. H. Taylor of Baltimore, Maryland. This wonderful sermon brought to a close one of the best sessions of the entire Convention. The evening offering was slightly over $51.00.

MISS MOORE IMPRESSES.

Miss Moore told us, in her address, about her visits to India, China and Japan. We were deeply impressed as she pictured most vividly the human suffering in foreign fields. As we listened to her, the fire of Missions was rekindled in our hearts and we were compelled to admit in our hearts that we had not done our full share in supporting the cause of Missions.

This, we believe, is God’s way of settling muted race questions. When we recognize, as Jesus surely wants us to, “THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN,” we shall then be like one big, great human family living in various parts of the world—and we would then be as much interested in the welfare of one human being as that of any other.

OUR INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION OF 1922

Let us together review some of the phases of our Women’s work for the last six years. The opportunity to lead our splendid women in their National work came to us in 1922 at our National Convention assembled at Indianapolis, Indiana. We took the work of our National W. M. S. with an indebtedness; there were no available funds to send our President to our International Conventions.

KANSAS CITY CONVENTION OF 1923

After surveying the entire situation, we decided to raise a National Development Fund. With this as an objective we apportioned a few of the Societies $100.00, some of them were apportioned $50.00 and many others much less. As a result of this, when we came to our Kansas City Convention in 1923 we raised a total of $800.00. We gave $500.00 for furnishing our schools in Kentucky and Virginia, and then had enough remaining to pay off the indebtedness to the ex-president and have sufficient funds for Development work.

OUR WORK NEEDS "THE-PERSONAL-TOUCH."

In order to get results, if we are to profit by experience, there must needs be the personal-touch. This idea was (Continued on page 8)
BIBLE SCHOOL BEATITUDES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Bessie E. Chandler

Blessed is the church that believes in the Bible School, for it will compel the Bible School to believe in itself.
Blessed is the Bible School that knows why it exists, for it can hold its head up and look everybody in the eye.
Blessed is the Bible School that is properly organized for its work, for it knows where it is going, and will know when it gets there.
Blessed is the Bible School that is in relationship to the church with which it is concerned, for there will be no gravel in the wheels.
Blessed is the Bible School which maintains a helpful worker's conference at least once a month, for this gives the workers what the grindstone gives to the ax—edge and polish.
Blessed is the Bible School whose teachers and officers are adequately trained for their work, for they will get results and do their work with joy.
Blessed is the Bible School that cooperates with other schools in a community program, for it will learn much it needs to know, and will be saved from self-conceit.
Blessed is the Bible School that does not go to sleep at the switch, for it will keep on the main line and land at the station instead of in the ditch.
Blessed is the Bible School which maintains a missionary spirit, for this will develop a warm heart and a far away vision.
Blessed is the Bible School that carries out a graded program of social, thru-the-week activities, for it will grow in popularity and power, and the young folks will pronounce it good.
Blessed is the Bible School that fosters the patriotism of religion and the religion of patriotism, for, by so doing, it helps to develop a righteous nation.
Blessed is the Bible School that creates and maintains an evangelistic atmosphere, for it will reap abundantly.
We trust that all Bible workers will read these Beatitudes and govern themselves and the Bible School according to the principles set forth in them.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

V. G. Smith

Agencies for Expressions

The day has passed when children were considered small editions of men and women. No matter how similar in features or precocious in mind a child might appear, yet there is now a marked difference in the training to which they are submitted. Elementary department was evolved to take care in an adequate way of the children. Miss Chandler, our very efficient Elementary Supervisor, is telling you thru these pages of the best way to handle and integrate the training of these age levels.

But more recent has been the discovery that youth is not adulthood. Attaining in this period to the size and legal estate of maturity he was classed with the older groups. But in the last twenty years, dealing with young people from thirteen to twenty-five has proven that they are not "grown" except in physical. In other words, the period of youth has been discovered.

And once discovered, it was necessary to make way for youth to realize its highest idealisms and powers thru Agencies of expression and impression.

AGENCIES FOR YOUTH

The church school soon found a department with a youth manned organization putting on a youth planned program using youth evolved methods to get youth valued results would satisfy an inherent need. The Christian Endeavor was organized specifically for youth and all that it is as a separate auxiliary is based on youth. The Junior C. E. is a missionary organization for children. Later on the Missionary forces found it expedient to organize Triangle Clubs and Mission Circle for dissemination of missionary information. These are all in the local Church and taking in any sort of social club, forms the basis of other cooperative agencies.

Unless these were local youth organizations there would be no Young People's Conference to train leaders, or world convention to orient leaders, or student volunteer conventions to recruit leaders or World C. E. Conventions to associate leaders, or National Negro C. E. Convention to acquaint leaders. These all hinge on local organization.

TREATMENT OF SUBJECT—B. F.

Agencies for expression may be treated from the lower to the higher as units; from the higher to lower as association; from levels across as correlations; from the one to the other as progressions.

I might tell you what is the proper relation of the National C. E. Convention to the local society of C. E. in the church, treating each as a unit independent, or I might tell of the World C. E. as related to the National C. E. as related to the state C. E. as related to the local C. E. as sort of A. begot B, B. begot C, sort of relation, or I could explain the relation of the C. E. to the Mission Circle, and the C. E. Convention of Miss. to the C. E. Convention of Piedmont. Lastly, I could put one upon the other orienting each to the other and to the local program.

Some material adapts itself to one, some to another treatment but I want submit the manner of treatment in the first so it will be clear just what I am doing each step.

"Make way for Youth" is found on every side; in politics, in business, in society, in internationalism, in industry in religion. And unless way is made they are lost; politics, business, society, all is lost; for the "Wages of Sin is death," and that death can come thru spiritual starvation as well as thru violence or murder.

Mr. and Mrs. Dysen Hosts

On the 17th of September Brother W. H. Dyson, one of the senior elders of the High Street Christian Church extended an invitation to each elder, deacon and his wife, to come to his home on the above date.

Hours from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.

Although not one seemingly knew of the invitation of the other, each was much surprised on arriving to know that it was a Social of the Official and their wives.

Brother Dyson said this had been on his mind for some time, and that he thought such a meeting very beneficial.

After song: "What a fellowship" and prayer, Brother Dyson read the scriptural duties of Elders, Deacons and their wives. He talked at length on this, followed by Elder W. H. Brown, and the officers, also their wives.

Mrs. Dysen served bountifully, a splendid repast, less cakes. Each left rejoicing over the pleasant evening, and saying, we should have such a meeting at least once a month. Who will be the next?

All praise to Brother and Sister Dyson.
CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION
By J. B. Lehman

Only One Source of True Happiness.

On one occasion A. J. Gordon was passing along and heard an old man singing lustily. He paused and asked him why he sang. The answer was, "Because I am happy." And Mr. Gordon asked him why he was happy and he said, "Because I am a Christian." Mr. Gordon then asked him if he thought none were happy but Christians. He answered, "The devil has no old men." And how true this is. I have never known an old man that served the devil to be happy. Without a single exception I have never known an old man that served in sin to be happy. They are all wretched and miserable. And we can go a step farther than this. We have never seen a man happy who did not have kindness in his heart. Whenever you see a white man who has nothing but hatred in his heart for the colored people; or vice versa, a colored man who has hatred in his heart for the white people, you always see an unhappy man. True happiness comes only in service for mankind in the spirit of the teaching of Jesus. We are doing a great many things that are dictated by selfishness and they will lead to misery later on. At present a great many white people are doing all they can to segregate the colored people in the least detail; and indirectly a great many white people are doing this thing. Too often the Negro thinks the responsibility all rests on the white people. They do have a great responsibility, but they do not have all of it. The Christian Negroes now have it in their power to do much to right a wrong situation. God has now put it into the power of the Christian Negroes to do a very large part of the work of righting a situation that will prove a very great curse later on. No wrong was ever righted except by sacrifices and suffering. "If any man would come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me." This will bring true happiness. It will put song into the heart of the old man and will debar misery and woe.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

SEASONABLE DISHES

As our seasons are so variable it is hard to determine when summer ends and fall begins. We usually have as uncomfortably hot days late in the season as any time during the summer. It is not wise to retire the summer dishes for they may be much needed during the fall months. This year cucumbers seem to be especially good and abundant. Try putting some in this simple way:

Cucumber and Celery Pickles.—Fill quart or two-quart glass jars with small sized cucumbers or if large cut them lengthwise into finger-sized pieces, arrange five to six stalks of celery and one or two small onions in each jar; when well filled with the vegetables fill with the boiling hot vinegar, using one quart of vinegar (if very acid dilute with water), one cupful of sugar and one-half cupful of salt. Seal the cans and put away for use in a week or two. Onions as well as cucumbers may be sliced, if too large to serve.

Here is a simple mustard pickle which is especially good for those who can add the cucumbers daily to the pickle. Use one gallon of vinegar, one-half cupful of mustard, one cupful of salt, two cupfuls of brown sugar, mix, cold and put in a large jar; adding a quart or two of small cucumbers as they grow. Cover with horseradish leaves and set away.

French Potato Salad.—Cut a large onion into slices and put to cook in a saucepan with two to three tablespoonsful of butter. Cook until very soft. In another saucepan cook four medium sized potatoes cut into big; while they are cooking add a little of the potato water occasionally to the onion to finish cooking until tender. Mash the potato, add the onion and one quart of good milk, season well with salt and pepper and serve very hot. This makes a nice supper dish for a cool night.
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LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

The fact that the Disciples lead in matters of Religious Education is not fully appreciated by the bulk of the Negro Disciples in this country. But there is felt a growing need on the part of the entire brotherhood for a trained church and a trained church leadership by a trained Pastor.

The Missionary schools at Southern Christian Institute, Jarvis Christian College and Piedmont Christian Institute are attempts to train a leadership for full-time service. Augmented by the chair of Religious Education recently established in Lincoln Institute in Kentucky these ought to provide state and national secretaries, ministers, evangelists and local workers for the paid positions in the church.

But, even a of yore, the church requires a great host of volunteer workers to carry on the task. So the INSTITUTE, MISSIONARY INSTITUTES, YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCE, and Schools of Methods are coming into more popularity. So far, last summer, four agencies were held; two Schools of Methods, and two Young People's Conferences.

This year the agencies were not so largely attended as heretofore, but there was a greater area covered by those who did attend. In all there were about 75 in these four agencies representing thirteen states and about fifty congregations.

The Magnolia Conference held at the Southern Christian Institute was the first. It was attended by many of the former students and so many of the original 42 of the first Conference were there that besides those doing second year work who had not returned the second Conference we graduated a class of nine young people representing some five states and seven congregations. This Conference chose a name that would characterize the beauty and sweetness of its spirit. The State Convention of Mississippi, which has heretofore taken no interest beyond a casual one, in the Conference, this year in its annual session voted unanimously to the Young People's Conferences 25 students. If a reputable enrollment is present, all difficulties will be removed, since there has never been any question about the character of work done in this Conference, nor of the very great need of the youth in that section of the country for such leadership for training.

The Piedmont School of Methods was as usual well-attended by the young people of that section, with persons enrolled from Roanoke, Martinsville, Radville, Spencor and Winston Salem. There were three courses given in the standard Training Course and two lecture courses during the morning with a lecture during the chapel period and inspirational addresses and sermons in the evening. One of the interesting features was the recreational period each day. The sermons each evening were supplied by the invited ministers of the District, and this proved a benefit, for it advertised the work of religious agencies for leadership trainers of the church in a tangible manner. Over a dozen received credit for work done here.

The Ohio School of Methods had quite a number who returned for another year to the school. Most of the Dayton students, where the School was held, were back with some new ones who took their first unit. Other churches found it profitable to send a worker back for more training. This school was conducted on the same schedule and curriculum as the Piedmont School.

The Mid-West Conference held in Dalton and reached quite a few with these states, three communions and seven congregations represented. The young folks did a stellar brand of work and the state thought so much of it that both Missouri and Kansas decided to subsidize Conference with Oklahoma and Illinois to promote the sending of young people.

The State Convention of Texas is anxious to have a Young People's Conference and have set aside funds to take care of the first effort. Kentucky is also in line for this sort of effort, having already had four Schools of Methods and planning a fifth, Tri-State School of Methods, the ideal is not lacking to increase the number of agencies for the Central states.

Leadership Training is costly. There is no royal road to a knowledge of how to do God's work thru a study of God's Word, and God's Word and like all education, it must be paid for in CASH, in TIME, in ENERGY and in consecrated effort. Our Brotherhood is fast coming to the place where it realizes both the necessity and the cost, and is planning its program to pay for leadership ability by giving leadership training.

Nov. 23, 1928.

Dear Editor of the Plea:

Below you will find my first report on the "Vance Smith Fund." Kindly publish the same in your next issue.

Report on Vance Smith Fund from Sept. 1st to Nov. 23, 1928:

Cash received:
Prof. P. H. Moss pledged $5.00
Prof. T. W. Pratt, pledged 10.00
Miss Phenten Hamilton, Chicago, Ill. pledged 3.00
Mr. Nathan Brown, Chicago, Ill. paid 10.00
Oakwood Boulevard Christian Endeavor Society, per
Mr. Raymond Wallace, paid 10.00
Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Miss., per Eld. K. R. Brown, paid 10.00

Total Amount Paid and Sent to Headquarters up to date 48.00

Let us make the month of January a Red Letter Month for the paying up of our pledges. Send check or Money Order to R. H. Davis, 207 Edison St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My Daily Prayer
If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.
If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.
If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
Lord, show me how.
If I can do a kindly deed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can sow a fruitful seed,
Lord, show me how.

-Grenville Kleiser in the Detroit Free Press.
CHRISTIAN CHAPEL
Port Gibson, Mississippi.

Sunday, October 21st, Prof. J. B. Lehman and Eld. P. A. Gray were with us at Christian Chapel. Brother Lehman preached Sunday morning and at night, Closing remarks by Eld. P. A. Gray. The sermon was enjoyed and we were benefited by the visit of the Brothers.

While attending the National Convention, the writer pledged ten subscribers for The Christian Plea, also pledged $10.00 to the Vana Smith Fund.

Mrs. S. Thomas was present at the first the Pastor's care. Came home and has succeeded in getting ten subscribers, one dollar each. The writer had received two subscribers, hence we have 12 subscribers. The $10.00 pledge to the Smith Fund is also sent in to Brother R. H. Davis.

Eld. P. A. Gray, the new Editor for the Christian Plea is not allowing a stone go unturned. If the Plea falls, it will not be his fault, if it takes effort to succeed.

Yours,
K. D. Brown.

COLLEGE NOTES

Maurice Welch has been in bed a few days because of a sprained ankle received while playing a game of Playground Ball.

Friends of Levetta Taylor will be glad to hear that she is able to return home after a very serious operation at Vicksburg.

Mrs. Klaiss is meeting her classes again after a week's absence due to sickness.

The Mount Beulah Playground has presented the pictures “The Courtship of Miles Standish,” and Mary Pickford in “Sparrows” recently. The next picture will be the popular picture “Ramona.”

Thanksgiving day was a very enjoyable one, and we all had a great deal to be thankful for. Professor B. L. Jacobs delivered a most inspiring address at the morning service. Professor Klaiss played a very beautiful violin solo. The Church and Bible School secured over one hundred dollars in offerings.

Mount Beulah was represented at the District Convention held at Jackson recently by Miss Florence Brown, Eli Wilbert and Edward Brown.

From the reports given out at the end of the first quarter of school, Burrel Lee and Richard Anthony received the highest honors by earning the largest number of grade points.

HERMANVILLE NOTES.

Miss Henry Earl White

We are doing some good work in the Christian Church with Rev. John Lomax as our pastor. We, with the help of God are trying to carry out the work of the Church.

The District meeting was held in our church with Eld. S. D. Yarbrough chairman. The meeting opened Friday night, November 11th. We discussed “The Sunday School Work.”

Saturday, the Willing Workers had their period. They raised some money also for their work.

On Sunday, Rev. B. L. Jacobs, a District Worker for the Christian Endeavor Society made a wonderful talk concerning the C. E. in the churches. He is working to have the C. E. organized in the churches. We haven't, but we are planning to start a C. E. Society in our church.

Mrs. B. L. Brazard was the reporter for the Missionary Work from Port Gibson. They raised $5.00 to help support the work.

Rev. R. B. Brown took up a collection of $10.00 for Mrs. Sarah Blackburn who is still in the hospital.

The donation to help support our work amounted to $5 or 60 dollars. Elder Yarbrough preached the sermon which was very inspiring.

CEDAR BLUFF MISS.

A great meeting was held at Pilgrim Rest Christian Church by Elder B. C. Calvert on Oct. 8th. This was a real meeting, I believe we had a big crowd every night. I believe one could hear a pin fall while he was preaching.


Sunday night, felt a little ill but made some wholesome remarks of confession. I believe it was the best meeting I have ever been to in Clay County for a long time. May Elder Calvert live a long time to go and carry the great message he brought here to us.

We need more preachers like him.

Rozie Green, Reporter

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Sunday, October 27th—Sunday School at the usual hour. Lesson “Christian Stewardship.” Attendance for Sunday School and Church was fair. Our Pastor preached some wonderful sermons on Stewardship.

We are glad to have with us one of our State Workers in the person of Mrs. Connie Deelan who brought us a very inspiring message. We always enjoy the good news our State workers bring to us. We are urging all members to attend all meetings.

Our Pastor visited his family in Kansas City.

Visitors are always welcome. Our slogan for all departments of the church this year is: “Over the top.” We are indeed glad to secure Rev. W. M. Alphin for our Pastor. He has unusual experience in all departments of church work.

A. F. Mitchell, Reporter.

ALABAMA DISCIPLES HELD FIFTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

By Miss Georgia Daniel

The Fiftieth Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ was held at the Eleventh Street Christian Church, Oct. 24-28, 1928.

Wednesday and Thursday brought to the occasion many delegates from various points of the states.

Elder Brabry, D. C. President of the States Convention presented many new ideas.

The main feature of Wednesday night was the coming together and receiving and assigning of places and destinations.

Thursday, business reports from various churches and Districts. The reports were evidences of the progress of most of the churches.

The Welcome program was the feature of the evening following the first day's work. The program endeavored and did demonstrate a warm and cordial welcome on behalf of the city.

Miss Bessie Chandler, one of our National Field Workers presented to us some useful suggestions.

Mrs. Rosa Grubbs, another one of our field workers aroused the emotions and thoughts of the entire convention group. We feel that this Convention has been a great help and stimulant to members of the Eleventh Street Christian Church and friends of Birmingham as well as the entire Brotherhood.

There was peace and harmony from beginning to end.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Sunday, November 5th, we closed a very successful two weeks meeting at the Monroe Avenue Church of Christ.

The Church was strengthened intellectually and spiritually, thus making for

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

Dec. 1, 1928.

"Does it pay to hold Conventions?" in the rhetorical question of our benign Brother Moss, who always carries us along with his full current of meaning. I'm so glad to read again of my old acquaintance Eld. B. J. Gregory and the Eastern "Assembly" with its Chief Scribe "Propose" and "agree". Perhaps they can teach us how to raise Convention money.

Then to see Brother Vance G. Smith keep "knocking" the tater bugs off our vines.

Eld. Wm. Martin closed splendid meeting here in Lexington with eleven added and a great soul stirring. I think he is originally an Arkansas Traveler, but a full-blooded Kentuckian now, and just about as ready as any preacher we know He's pastoring in Danville, Ky.

Our Sunday School elected some 20 officers and Teachers to "Run her" next year, with few changes. We need a few more church officers, but don't see the timber in mil.

Perhaps we can "capsize" some till we can baptize and train others.

One day we wrote of the Sunday School man, and then of President Taylor. In thinking now of the business man whose a leader, and not a tailor.

I spied him first at Greenwood Park, Down there where workers assemble. I looked him over from dawn till dark. Locating just whom he resembled. At length I dubbed him our Booker T.

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OUR CONVENTION

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the beginning of our successful efforts. In order to reach every one of our Societies, large and small, urban and rural, our Corresponding Secretary sent out the Future Work Reports less than 60 days after the Convention adjourned, and the President in turn, as a kind-of-follow-up sent out general letters three or four times during the year urging our Societies to REPORT.

With painstaking care and much labor we finally succeeded in working out some report blanks which was something new for us. Early in July our Corresponding Secretary sent these out.

Our Jubilee was on in Kansas City. We then needed no more apportionment for The National Development Fund, so we, together with our National Worker, made apportionments for the States for the Jubilee Fund. Our goal was $500.00 for a Jubilee Offering.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

OF 1924

When we came into our sessions at the Chicago Convention less than half of this amount ($5,000.00) was actually raised however, our group of splendid women came to front in a fine way and paid in cash $400.00 in our first session. In addition to this $500.00 was subscribed.

The $500.00 we pledged was paid in full by the time the International Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, less than three months later. We termed the year of Jubilee our “Big-year-of-learning-how-to-do-things.” Our final reports showed that we had raised more than $5,000.00 for the Jubilee Fund and more than $3,000.00 for The General Fund.

THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION

OF 1925

We came to the Cincinnati Convention very jubilant because of the fact that we had gone “Over-the-top.” Then it was during these moments of great enthusiasm and “high-resolve,” that we decided we must have a Church Paper and to do that end the women gave $100.00 to The Christian Plea Fund. We also decided here that we would pay one half fare for the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and the Children Workers to our National Convention.

THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION

OF 1926.

The following year, in the Louisville Convention, we decided to take another forward step. So we agreed to pay half of the President’s way to State Conventions to which she would be invited. This was timely for many invitations had been turned down for the need of funds. We feel our National Convention (and THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

we mean all departments) should use their Presidents to help put over our Program, and in fact they do.

THE WASHINGTON, D. C. CONVENTION

OF 1927.

Great stress was laid on the importance of our Children and Young People’s work in our Convention of 1927 in our Capital City. We gave a very neat sum to our Church there because we felt they both needed and deserved it.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

OF 1928.

We found ourselves standing on “higher ground” when we came to our National Convention. The forward steps we have taken from time to time came about thru diligent study of our Missionary work for the last twenty years.

For eight years we served Texas as a Field Worker and are familiar with the problems of the field; As a State President for four years for our Missouri Society, we have come to know the problems of our State Presidents, and then, for the last six years we have lead our splendid women in their National Work. This latter capacity made it possible for us to visit many conferences and International Conventions which supplemented previous years of experience.

WE’VE SOUGHT NO “HONORS”; ONLY DESIRE WAS TO SERVE

In all of this it has never been the writer’s purpose to “seek honors” instead we sought only to place our work on par with others, very similar to our own in many respects. As a result we, as well as you, have had much joy in this great task.

For six consecutive years we have served our women to the very best of our ability; endeavoring always to be faithful. Each year, we have attempted to build a constructive program and thus lead more of our splendid younger women into the larger work, and encourage all to give more liberally of their means.

This year, we felt it an opportune time to give some of our younger women a chance to lead out in this new day of bigger and better achievements. Consequently we instructed the chairman of the Nominating Committee to secure a new President for the ensuing year. In this request we were sincere.

THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

To our surprise, when the Committee reported, the writer’s name was presented for the Presidency. The honor was twice declined. I wish to personally thank those who felt my leadership was still needed; I wish to add this further word; even though I am no longer leading our National forces, you can depend on me to do my full share of the work as a faithful follower. I’ll do all I can to help our New President, for I strove with your help, to have a work that would be constantly growing and that would develop our younger women for better services in Kingdom Building. Our Younger women must be led into the larger work of the Church.

THE JOINT EX-ECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

For four years we served as a member of the Joint Ex-ecutive Committee and have felt all along that our President should represent us on this Committee, for the work of this Committee is vital and very important; it touches both our general work and has to do with the work of our Field Secretary in a very definite way. It was indeed a pleasure to know that our women voted to have our new President represent them on this Committee.

OUR NATIONAL W. M. S. NEEDS
MORE THAN A PRESIDING OFFICER.

If one judges, from the carefulness with which you sought your new President, we feel that you doubtless realize that you needed a woman who had been a good local, District and State Leader; and one whom, because of the foregoing facts was in position to best serve the interests of the work because of the contacts, observations and experiences she had had, and, in addition to this, could preside most ably because her inner qualities in her own life. You thoroughly realized, I am sure, that you needed more than a Presiding Officer.

Frankly, I think we have in our new President, the things we need. Let us stand by her and give her our hearty support; if we do this, I honestly believe our work will go on leaps and bounds, and we will find ourselves standing on higher ground for Kingdom Building. You can count on me for willing and faithful service.

REMINISCENCE

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The writer notes with pleasure much progress in the “Old Church” in this new day with many young and new helpers in the field in the person of Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs, Mrs. Deetsey Blackburn Gray, Eth. Prince Gray, Eth. G. Smith, Miss Bessie E. Chandler, and our “Big Brother” Moss who leads us still.

We are now able to be on the field once more and have visited several points. We reorganized the work at Peariside with 15 members and are now hoping for some improvements.

We have 10 prospective subscriptions for The Christian Plea and hope to send them in real soon.

What about those 15 questions that I asked the Brotherhood last fall concerning the National Convention and its Department?
A NEW YEAR'S SERMON

By Elder B. S. Calvert, Evangelist of Mississippi

This year offers us larger things. Great opportunities for service await us. This will be one of the great years of God. We are entering upon a new era in the world's history. Things that will be said and done this year may decide the destination of the nations for the next thousand years, and perhaps for the lifetime of the world. Great problems will have to be solved. Ask God for assistance to the knotty problems of life. Do all in your power to create great reforms. Reforms should be instituted everywhere. Liberty and justice must be made safe and secure for all men. No people on earth is denied justice like the Negro race. We should pray fervently to God to direct and guide the heads of this Government, passing federal laws to prohibit lynching and mob violence. Federal laws will make liberty and justice safe and secure for all men.

Spiritual service must be rendered for and by the Church. All of God's Churches must be spiritually revived before they can move on. The service God calls upon us to render is a spiritual service, and must be performed by the spirit. You may never have seen anything quite like the Spirit: you may farm without the Spirit; buy and sell without the Spirit; go to moving-picture shows, dance halls, and seeing sinful church entertainment, joy riding, and on an expedition for greed and gain without the Spirit of Christ, and you cannot think of sin without the Spirit. This is the age of the Holy Spirit, and He must be recognized in all our endeavors. Your Lord and mine commanded the Apostles to wait at Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high, or in plain words, He told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit came upon Peter he preached his first Gospel sermon, and three thousand souls were brought into the Kingdom. Mighty works have always been accomplished thru the power of the Spirit of God. When the Spirit came upon Samson he pulled down the pillars that ended his own life and hundreds of other lives.

We find that the Spirit was present in the Morning of time in conjunction with the word: "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." And God said, Let there be light." Gen. 1:2-3. By His Spirit God garnished the Heavens. Job 26:13. Thus you see the Spirit was a wonder-worker in the material universe.

In the days of the Judges God sent His Spirit upon the men whom He designated as leaders and deliverers. When the Spirit came upon Othaniel he was able to judge Israel and lead his armies successfully against his enemies. Judges 3:10. When the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon the Midianites were delivered into his hands. Judges 6:30-36. When the Spirit of God came upon Samson he slew a thousand of the Philistines. Judges 13:25; Judges 15:14-15. These are some of the outstanding exhibitions of the Spirit's power in Old Testament times, and are given for the sole purpose of imparting strength and valor to God's chosen commanders who were to lead His chosen people to victory against their foes. It shows that apart from the Spirit we can do nothing. Forms and fashions must give way to spirituality. If we are led by the Spirit then are we the sons of God.

Let me suggest three companions you should take with you into the New Year.

1. Take Faith With You. You will need it. Things will go against you. Like Elijah of old, you will find yourself under the juniper tree before the year is half gone. Elijah had done the will of God in slaying the prophets of Baal, but he became tired and was overcome with the threats of Jezebel and fled into the wilderness, and being fatigued with the journey he sat down under the juniper tree and prayed to God to take his life because of the reeking failure. He was discouraged. But God sent His angel to feed His servant in strength of that food forty days and nights. It does not take a prophet to foretell that you will meet with sorrow and trouble this year, but faith will help you to fight your way thru them all. Have faith in yourself! Have faith in others! Have faith in Jesus Christ. Do your best to bring out the best that is in yourself. Help your brother to be a better man, any your sister to be a better woman.

2. Take hope with you. Faith will start you, but hope will keep you going. Hope is at the bottom of nearly all great things done for God and man. Hope is the mainspring of human life. Hope will help you to wait until the clouds roll away.

3. Take love with you. Love had a hard time last year, but give it extra measures this year. Pour it out on this bruised and bleeding world. Nothing will help us keep the love of God that is pent up in the human. When Whitther, one of the greatest poets that ever lived was dying, those who sat around his bedside noticed that he was trying to say something. As they bent over him they heard him say, "Give my love to the world!" Nothing will heal the aches and pangs of the human heart like love. There are a few who mistreat us. Love will enable you to love them more. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:1-3.

God's name and God's nature are love. It is just as natural for God to love as for God to create the sun shines. The sun is no respecter of persons in his shining. God is no respecter of persons in His love. He loves the best man in America. He loves the worst man in America. I will go a step further and say God loves the meanest man in the world better than He loves the best saint. The word of God back up me up. Here it is: "What man of you having a hundred sheep, if he lose one, doth not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after that which was lost? And when he hath found it, he lifteth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, who needed no repentance." Luke 15: 4-7.

To The Editor of The Christian Plea.

Dear Sir:

"The Christian Plea" has been sent, (free of charge), to my mother, Mrs. C. J. Smith. She wishes to express thanks for this courtesy and to make a return gift to this paper and, therefore, we are enclosing check for five dollars in appreciation of the kindness which prompted the sending of the same to my mother.

We read "The Plea" with interest, and, we hold in remembrance many (among the negro people) who were always loyal and faithful in the earlier days of the work as they are today. Among them we especially remember are Mr. and Mrs. Bostick, the Brayboy folks, and Mr. and Mrs. Win Alphin and others without whose loyal and efficient cooperation the work could not have been carried on.

It was ten years the ninth of this month since my father passed from earth. Since my father passed from earth. In the Plea we mention the Plea ever increasing usefulness. It was ten years the ninth of this month since my father passed from earth.

The Christian Plea.

I am, most sincerely.

Gertrude Smith.
MISS B. E. CHANDLER, Contributing Editor
V. G. SMITH, Contributing Editor
P. H. MOSS, Departmental Editor

SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS
By Bessie E. Chandler
Elementary Supt.
Religious Education

"Friendly the teacher stood like an
guardian of light, thin among them, and
to the child explained the holy the high-
est in few words. Though yet simple
and clear, for simplicity is always simple.
Both in song and prayer a child seized
on its meaning.

Worship

Worship should be the predomina-
ting feature in the elementary department,
teaching the children to worship in spirit
and truth. For worship is the child's
humble and earnest approach to God in
a definite act. Thus in the teaching of
religion we realize that the simplest and
most universal act of expression is wor-
ship. You who are responsible for plan-
ing of the worship of children may be
advised that are the values of worship?
Let us conclude that worship
should aim to accomplish these four
tasks:
1. To make real the sense of com-
panionship with God.
2. To convince one of the worth
and dignity of high ideals.
3. To give expression to desirable
attitudes.
4. To afford training in worship.

The worship program should be so
planned that these aims all be
carried out thus making possible for
the boys and girls the consciousness of
the presence of God.

The worship program for children
will consist more or less of songs and
prayer. The prayers should be short, reverent
and within the understanding of the
children. Act of reverence on the part of
the children are due more or less to
learning of the value of worship through
them. If you pray frequently and
with simplicity, including the children
always, you will have greater results.
Some appropriate prayer songs are
for your department:

"For my home and friends, I thank Thee,
For my father, mother dear
And all that makes the world so fair"

Prayer of Thanks

"Father, thank Thee for the night
And for the pleasant morning light
For sea and food and loving care
And all that makes the world so fair"

Prayer of Thanks

Music plays another great part in
the worship program of the children.
Music, like all worship, whatever
great care should be taken in the
selecting of the songs and quiet music.
The response to music in both words
and music is natural for children. Some
familiar strains played softly should be
used at the opening of the worship pro-
gram. Remember that they serve as a
bridge to worship. Ideas which are carried in
to a child's consciousness through a song
will go farther and last longer than any
others you may attempt to give them.

In selecting your songs for any class
in the department ask yourself these
three questions:
1. Can the song mean this?
2. Are the words and music really good
and are they suited to each other?
3. Unless you appreciate the best in re-
ligious music in worship it is
difficult for you to choose the best
in the children's realm.
4. Can these children sing this without
strain?

Suggestive songs for the department
may be found in "Songs for Little Peo-
ple" by Frances Weald Danielson, obtain-
red from the Christian Board of Publica-

Thus we establish in the pupils habits
of private and public worship through
the worship program.

The End

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH
By V. G. Smith

Organizations

Under the old system, the organiza-
tional method of getting work done ap-
pealed. The mission had its depart-
ment; the mission study had its
Triangles Club and Circle; the C. E. had
its organization and social club; each one was
a distinct entity. Each and all bidded for
the youth of the church and the youth's needs
were found in all. Each had to branch out and
do some work of the other because of the needs of
the constituency, overlapping of function
and program resulted. But even so there
was need that each exist, the church
school to give Biblical and religious train-
ing; the missionary organizations to give
missionary inspiration, information and
expression; the Christian Endeavor to
render an expresional service for ideals,
thoughts and experiments; the social
club gave the opportunity to leave each
other and appreciate the individuality
of each one.

The new organization is an Organiza-
tion, not harmonizing but bringing
units into an association. It has
methods of work, objectives, officers and
program which are written on the
procedure of each. Later on each
organization will be discussed as such.

Correlation

As before stated, overlapping and
duplication resulted from the many
organizations appealing to a special constitu-
yency. Weakness and one-sidedness fol-
lowed the system so steps was taken to correlate
and establish the organization in the
church with each other.

A young person belonged to a young
people department of the church which
held its meeting every Sunday morning at
Church School for Educational matters,
collected finances, were taught by an
instructor not a youth group, and
recited or discussed topics of interest.
For his meeting quarters were used.

This same young person attended the
very first Triangle Club and Circle where
which used the young people in leading, treat-
ning the discussion, rendering musical
sessions and exchanging ideas on topics of
theological, "in vital forms were collected,
worship programs executed, service activities planned and re-
ported an opportunity for an expression of
missionary, Biblical and social lessons
learned heretofore.

The identical individual, some week
night during the month attended a mis-
missionary meeting of the young people's de-
partment where topics were discussed, in-
formation was disseminated and dues collected.
Missionary plays and parents were put
on, missionary lectures afforded, and
missionary people entertained.

Lastly, the young person himself
during the month on some week-
by night, in a merry group of associates as
guest of the department social commit-
ttee. Therefore he learns to know and
respond to good recreation; he finds ex-
pression for the social and gregarious
instinct. All of these are needed in the
department and the C. E. doesn't give
socials as a unit or church school class
plans service activities in its class period.

The organization method is necessary
if there is anything to be done but cor-
relation is best. "The young people's
department and its organization is the subject for
the next article."

The End

Why We Should Help in Mission

Jan. 8, 1929—This has become a
common question among most church
members. As I travel through the
country I meet men and Women who
communicate me with this
question.

The answer is easy because we can
see the answer by actual results in what Mission workers have done.

If we are readers and comprehensive
what we read we don't need to ask this
question.

Let us turn our minds to the pro-
gress of the Country does a Country
five to itself? The progress of a Coun-
try depends upon its association with
other countries. This in itself is mis-
ion work.

The simplest definition I can give to
Mission is that Mission is the work of
helping others to live happy, or to ex-
change our happiness with others.

When we think of those less fortun-
ate than we are such as the aged, the
blind, crippled and above all, those
who knew not of the Christ we see a
great need of doing Missionary work.

The Street commissioner preaches Christ
is for his disciples to go into all the
world and preach his Gospel to every
live creature with that Mission.

People have different reasons for ask-
ing questions; some ask for information
while others ask in order to criticize,

Why We Should Help in Mission

Social Work given High Rating

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28.—The Atlanta
School of Social Work has just been ac-
dvised of its admission to the American
Association of Schools of Professional
Social Work. This action was taken at
the annual meeting of the associa-
tion's executive committee in
Chicago. It is especially significant in view
of the fact that the institution, as an
association, is the only colored school of
Social work in this Association, which em-
brates more than twenty-five schools. It is
given this gratifying recognition for its
high standards and efficient work of this
institution, under its new director
Prentice B. Washington, who is now
serving his second year in that capacity.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
TRUE PREPARATION FOR LIFE'S WORK

Most people look upon an education as a training in the arts and sciences, but the great learning the universities feel themselves called upon to give their pupils is a correct view of the principles of religion.

Against all this we have nothing to say, except that it does not go far enough. Religion is an attitude towards God and a living in that attitude. More important than a correct thinking is a correct attitude and a correct life. Education should be such as to fit a man to be the most useful in the social order in which he lives. Except as it does that it is largely a failure.

At the Southern Christian Institute we have always gone on the theory that we need a laboratory in the religious training department as much as we need one in the Chemistry Department or in the Botanical Department. That laboratory must be a Church that is as nearly perfect as a set of men are capable of making. These young people, perhaps, should be a model church organized to put to work every member in his place. We question very much whether a course in Religious Education given simply as a theory is worth anything. We have therefore organized a church as an integral part of the School. Every ex-student functioning so that every student can get in practice what he learns in his studies. I am one of the trustees of the proposed School of Religion at Tuscaloosa, Alabama for white students. What I have been worrying most about is as to whether that school can have adequate laboratory facilities. That is, whether it will have a good church to accommodate the students.

Now what are the results of the work at the Southern Christian Institute? Here are some of them.

1. We can almost count on the fingers of two hands those students that graduated here who remained in their work, and about five years, who are not now at the forefront of the church where they live. That is, acting either as pastor, pastor's wife, elder, deacon, S. S. Superintendent, S. S. teacher or doing some field work. No other school that has not provided such a laboratory facility can show such a record.

2. Every pastor so trained is behind the missionary enterprise. A look at the year book will show that in every instance where the greatest average per capita is shown in a state it is where one we have trained is at work. The Southern Christian Institute has never made a financial drive, nor has it specially stressed large giving. But the results of a training are due, nor has it specially stressed large giving. But the results of a training are due to the fact that our budgets were always below those of other schools. Our large brethren do not have the same great numbers of strong and mighty men as we have, but it is not necessary to use-up all of your resources for the direction of the Church. Our big job has been "getting Houses" instead of getting the people. Let us put first things first and get the folk,—they will get the "Houses."

"LESS WE FORGET"

By T. R. Everett, Pastor
Nicholasville, Ky.

To the Editor, staff and many readers of the Christian Plea,—greetings: I have been trying to hear my name in my study, over our past a bit. As we notice the signs of the times, what a need for our future! Can we say "all is well" and expect a glorious ending?

Our National Gatherings

How about our great National Gatherings? It is quite true that I've not enjoyed the privilege of being present at these for some time—but I have been hearing of some wonderful things going on in "our house of RESOLUTIONS." In my estimation it's not necessary to use-up all of our resources and energy in this direction. That most of our Statutes and Conventions where most of our "resolutions" usually "die aborning."

Our Great Need An Evangelistic Program

I feel we are wasting entirely too much time, money and energy with a "make-believe" program that is accomplishing "nothing in particular and every thing in general." It strikes me that, when we get right down to a sound business with a real effective Evangelistic Program, with a little less machinery attached, we will actually do things.

I have been a constant reader of our good paper, "The Plea," every since it has been in operation, but Brethren, I've never offered to read a list of the names of men who constantly advertise for this much needed work.

Year after year we literally spend thousands upon thousands of dollars for railroad fares and entertainments at our state and National Conventions, while it will only cost us twenty-five cents a day to advertise and convince us that we are not "hitting-the-mark!" in the sense of the real purpose of the Church we are failing! Why?

One reason is because we are constantly passing-up unoccupied territory looking for places to occupy, and, for the most part it usually is "where some one thinks we ought-to-be." As a rule this person (who thinks we ought-to-be here or there) has but little personal knowledge, other than what he has heard! The result? We are constantly trying to enter some fields (which we doubtless will never enter). Money Is Not The New Testament Plan

I am just beginning to think we are a little too far removed from the New Testament Plan of Salvation. I will admit "money is needed," on entering any new field, but I am too much concerned today about "Fine-Houses-of-worship." We need well equipped Houses, but it is not necessary to use-up all of your resources for the direction of the Church. Our big job has been "getting Houses" instead of getting the people. Let us put first things first and get the folk,—they will get the "Houses."

To Survey Is Good; Occupying Is Better

We must remember getting a letter from a very prominent gentleman who is interested in seeing the work done in one of our largest cities of colored population; this survey had been "authorized. The final report on the situation was, "the field is not yet ready to occupy." Imagine, if you can, the great Paul sending some advance guard to survey Macedonia before entering! No such nonsense with this fearless man of God.

Ours Is A Day Of Shifting Population; Adjustments Needed

WHILE THERE ARE MANY unoccupied fields where there are many perfectly able men wearing themselves out trying to "keep the home fires burning" in devastated fields where the people have moved to other centers. Still, we sit idly by and wait, indeed wait until these good folk become identified with other Church groups.

Then, very much to our great amazement, when we get ready "to occupy," we find great odds in our way, and the census of this important procedure is always bad for us, for they have become fixed and settled in their new relationships. It must be remembered that most men believe in God and they mean to connect themselves with some Church,—if not the Church of their choice, then some other Church.

One Of Our Great Barriers

I am not in the least unaware of some of the barriers we face in this great task. However, I think of our successful ministers as being those who are constantly recognizing and improving our weaknesses entirely too much! Instead, let us learn to use what we have in our hands instead of constantly worrying about equipment and wanting more of the things "we ain't got."

An Observation

We talk a good deal about "an educational, but we neglect the fact that education in itself is utterly. I do not mean to say one word against it, but let us think of the teaching millions out there now. I have had the privilege of experiencing that our most successful ministers are those who have been well trained in the Church and who knows its teachings. Not one who has good common sense, perhaps a more common sense than refined or academic.

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en's missionary societies without these general secretaries. We only have to observe the present status of our churches and young people in relation to them.

Shall We Disappoint Our Youth In The Hour Of Greatest Need

It is true that through our organized and supervised work we have carried hundreds of our young people to the teen age where, they must then guide and are most likely to be impressed for personality and service in the Kingdom of God, only to fail them in a crisis. To make matters more pliable and ridiculous, we give much time in our convention about these people who, with their youth in the home or church other than we have turned them over to the powers of darkness to train. These evil influences are active, indeed aggressive, intelligent, well-organized, efficiently conducted and adequately maintained.

No Time For Excuse Making

The time for explaining and excuse making is past. It is painfully plain before us. That need is tragic. We can meet it if we really want to do so. We have money for the things we really desire. A dedicated, well-trained worker for our young people? If so let us pay our money into the treasury. Let those who subscribed in Chicago pay. The pledges were made in good faith and every sincere, honest subscriber will not rest until they are paid. Moreover the thousands who have not pledged are equally bound. We have a habit of denouncing the man who pledges and fails to pay. No doubt, for the most part, we are right. But what about all those who promise nothing and do nothing but criticize? Their name is legio in our church. The challenge comes to every loyal disciple of Jesus to go and do a piece of work. If we so will, we can, in a remarkable short time, send out more capable, well-trained leaders into our churches to organize and lead boys and girls for Christian service. With leadership, organization and co-operation, we can start to put more money into our national treasury, and reinforce the fast disintegrating forces in our churches with a consecrated, well-trained leadership that will not fail until the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our God and our Christ.

FIVE REASONS WHY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SHOULD CHANGE ITS 1929 MEETING PLACE

V. G. Smith, Secretary of National Convention

1. Because it was just over in that section two years ago.

The 1927 Convention met in Washington, D. C. The convention was so great an attraction and drew many visitors to the Convention to see the city in connection with a group of our leaders who counted them as friends. The Washington Convention, having been a special object of missionary giving, was an added attraction to be church leaders and those long connected to this missionary giving of our brotherhood. None of these things are true about the Winston-Salem city or church. Hence there will be lost to the Convention that large group of visitors who attend the National Convention on their own finances.

II. Because of the handling of the matter at the Convention so far.

In the Washington Convention the invitation to Winston-Salem was extended by the M. C. Wesley, Cleveland Ave., Church, a part of the Piedmont Convention. Last year in Chicago, the only one present from that section of the country was Elgin High School of the Spencer Memorial Church, a part of the Tri-State Convention. Now does anyone know whether the National Convention is going to be held in the Cleveland Ave. or the Spencer Memorial the Piedmont or the Tri-State?

III. Because there is no assurance that it will reach those for whom it was planned.

The main idea in having it in that section this year was to give the Eastern N. C. brethren a chance to make some overtures for cooperation. But the N. C. brethren seem to have no inclination to do anything like accept an amendment, with our Convention. In fact, they have shown a distinct preference to our brethren individually rather than in mass. Our field secretaries and correspondents and as long as they come one by one but they have shown no evident desire to put out any of that $2,000.00 in visiting our Conventions. So since the Convention in Winston-Salem can only hope for a fraternal visit from these people, and since the attendance will be much lower from the states which do cooperate, will it be profitable to put the Convention that far away from the center of Disciple population?

IV. Because the Convention is contemplating another session in that part of the country next year—1930.

The Recommendation Committee of the Chicago Convention bought in a recommendation empowering the Executive Committee to arrange for a meeting in that place and at such a time as to enable our constituency to attend the World Convention in Washington. At this time, there will be special rates and discounts for the following states, as well as the very educational feature of letting a majority of our leaders acquaint themselves with the convention. The advantages all lie in this 1930 meeting in the environs of Washington being the most profitable and useful of the two. And it is almost invidious to ask the churches in the western states which cooperate to put the Convention that far away from the center of Disciple population.

V. Because of the expense to the Convention of getting officers to and from the meeting.

Approximately $200.00 will have to be spent for this alone. For instance: Church department pay half the following:

Recording Secretary, Clergy from Fulton, Mo.

Corresponding Secretary, Clergy, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Treasurer, full-fare, Memphis Tennessee.

We M. S. pay the following fares:

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The Christmas program was well rendered to an appreciative audience. The Supt., Mrs. Rita Logan and teachers, had a big Christmas for the children. Some old folks and children were graciously remembered.

The pastor received a round trip ticket to Kansas City, spending money and a derby hat (Not Brown) from the church. Service on Christmas day, at 11 A. M. was well attended and the spirit of worship was fine.

Two, who made the Good Confession on December 10 in the Sunday School were baptized. A liberal offering was raised for the sick and needy.

Bro. Louis Griffin, a deacon of Centennial, lost a brother early in the Christmas. Eld. G. H. Bundy officiated at the funeral.

Teacher and Sister Edward Davis lost one of their daughters by an automobile accident and, Mr. Meadows (White) officiated.

Eld. and Mrs. S. C. Devise pastors of our church in Paducah, Ky., attended the funeral and worship with us on Sunday.

Eld. V. G. Smith, pastor at Fulton, Mo. and state Evangelist, occupied the pulpit Sunday our pastor was away and preached a sermon to an appreciative and responsive audience.

We held our annual business meeting this first Sunday in the year. Annual reports were made by all the agencies of the church. The reports showed it took all the running we could do to stay in the same place.

Twelve officers were selected for one, two and three years. Four of these were young men.

We had an installation service of the church, on December 4, 1928, Sister Ethel Johnson, the jr. deaconess, led our Devotions; song by the congregation and prayer by Elder G. A. Terry, after which our meeting was open for business which consisted of reading the minutes of the previous meeting and the minutes of the executive committee, concluding our business by making a contribution on the stereopticon machine which is putting in over time working in behalf of the whole Church.

After the business session we had a prepared program which was unusually helpful. Our programs are always so very helpful and inspiring. The following took place in the program: Eld. C. E. Craigie, the pastor, Brother Samuel Barnes, Sister Mary Alphine, Sister Catherine Jones, Sister Anna Willis, Sister I. N. Toney and Sister Brasher.

We were glad to have the President of the Park Avenue Baptist Church Missionary Society visit us. She led us in prayer. The program was given by group No.3, group No.1 served an unusually fine meal which was greatly enjoyed by all. Group No. 2 gave the social for the evening. The total offering was $5.00.

NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

By A. D. Penn, Reporter

Roanoke, Va.

It has been a long time since the good people of Roanoke have sent an article to the Plea but nevertheless we are holding out just as vigorously and zealously as ever.

The coming year finds many actions by our hands done. The new year will be a year of inspiration, new hope and greater opportunities to do greater things in the building of God's Kingdom here on the earth. We have great plans and a big program to put in the New Year.

Each auxiliary of the Church is closing the year with good spirit for the work that has been done and is looking forward to the new year. It is already a success in the future. You shall hear from us again very soon. Look for it.

MT. SINAI CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Mrs. S. L. Bosick-Reporter

We wish to report the success of our Woman's Day Program held Dec. 9th, at the Mt. Sinai Christian Church, North Little Rock Arkansas. After an interesting program by the writer, an offering was taken with the following persons sharing it. Mrs. S. L. Bosick $2.00, Rosa Haney $1.00, Johnny Thompson $5.00, J. W. Williams pastor $5.00, Thomas Pry $5.00, Georgia Brock $2.25. Pledging amounts to $4.00 will be names of those who pledged later. Total money raised to date was $10.00 general fund $11.85. Total grand total $11.85. We have to work very hard at this place against much opposition, the women do considering all things. Jesus said "go and make Disciples in all the world." This is the task of the Church, I think.

LANGLY AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CHICAGO, ILL.

Mrs. Annie Floyd-Reporter

The Langley Ave. Christian Church is yet alive the watch word is "GO FORWARD." Sunday School is doing fine under the auspices of its core of teachers. Our Supt. Bro. Perry is very active in the work.

Let THE CHRISTIAN PLEA publish your news.
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
By Mrs. Mary Alphin Kansas City, Mo.

(Continued From Nov. Issue)

"Soft petal" the wrong and admonishing path. The only way the sins of a nation can be healed is by discussing them and condemning them. Did not Jesus condemn sin boldly every¬

The church too, leads the women around the world to share as she studies the estimate that men of other nations have placed on womanhood. Of her she is the burden bearer, oft housed unto see only her own family and many are the burdens heaped upon her. Is it not ours to help her have the gospel. Then, should it not be given our children to carry the gospel to others? This should be one of our finest contributions to kingdom building.

This training for service in the Master’s vineyard should begin in the local church, and whil¬

to help us more. We need teachers for our colleges, preachers for our pulpits and a trained pew that we may do our best, in kingdom building. What Bethany, Drake Hiram and other church colleges arc to the white churches, so must our college be to our churches.

The educationally we must train some of our girls who will car¬

The course must know,
I cannot look up, I behold afar

It’s shining wake
Illumined with God’s light of love, and so
I onward go.

In perfect trust that he holds the helm
The course must know.
I cannot always see the plan on which
He builds my life.

For oft the sound of hammers, blow on slow,
The noise of strife
Confuse me till I quite forget he knows
And overspeeds.

And that, in all details, with his good
My life agrees.
I cannot always know and understand
Example in all.
I cannot always do the tasks he gives
In life’s hard school;
But I am learning with his help to solve
Them, one by one,
And when I cannot understand, to say
"Thy will be done."

FIELD WORKERS’ REPORT TO JOINT EX¬
COMMITTEE Nov. 11, 1928, at Memphis
Tennessee.

Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Elementary Supt;

This report includes Sept. Oct. and November.

No. Meetings held 200
No. States worked (Pa., S. C., E.
North Car and Tenn.) 4
No. Days on field .60
No. Days in Office 31
No. Letters sent out (including Thanksgiving) 600
No. Leaflets sent out 400
No. Church Schools worked 10
No. G. E. Organized 1
No. Conventions Attended 6
No. Conferences held 12
No. Articles Written 19
No. Subscriptions for Plea 19
No. Applications for World Call 3
No. Institutes held 1
No. W. M. S. Visited 1
No. Young Peoples Conferences Planned 3

Prince A. Gray, Jr., Editor The Christian Plea:

Report of Service from Sept., 1st to Dec. 1st.
No. Days at Office (Memphis, Tenn.) 314g
No. Days on Field (among the Churches) 519g
Present mailing list 716
No. New and Renewed Subscribers (To
November 21) 200
No. Bibles making regular use of
Churches using paper regularly 4
No. Bibles using paper regularly 15
No. Bibles using paper regularly 15
No. Persons contributing regularly
No. Pledged to subscribe to Paper
(71 at National) 261

Report on Contributions to "The Plea" Sept 1st to
Nov. 21st.

1. National Convention (15 persons
given) $110.00
2. Auxiliary (At National Convention) 325.00
3. Local Church (Lansley Ave.) 5.00
4. Public Offering (At National
Convention) 6.61
5. Field Receipts (Memphis, Tenn. 8.05
6. Miss. Bivd. Church (Memphis)

Contributions

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick

We wish to report a shower of blessing that passed our way on December 10, 1929. The Church gave us a most delightful surprise party at the home of Mrs. Olene Cole. It all happened in this way:

Elder M. M. Bostick had been visiting relatives and friends in South Pittsburg, Tennessee. He was met, on his return home, and, as we drove up we found several cars parked just in front of the house, which was unitl. This was a great aid in concealing the plan.

As we entered, a great host of folks met us singing: "We Praise Thee, O God."—there stood Elder Bostick at a very large table literally loaded with all kinds of good things. Mrs. Olene Cole then rendered a fine program which was as follows: Mrs. Daisy Dean gave the address of welcome, which was followed by a solo by Mrs. Scott; Brother Taylor Cole responded with a very appropriate address which was both timely and thoughtfully presented; the closing remarks and final prayer was offered by Elder Ash.

A few who took part in the gifts were: Sister Colene Cole, Daisy Dean, Minnie Gydon, Dora Nicherson, Annie Smith, Annie Gray, Irene Smith, Leatha Hawkins, Louise Mitchell, Carry Rainey, Ollie Scott, Mrs. Facen, Mrs. Mathews, Miss Leslie Boltwright of Kerr, Arkansas; and the following Brethren: Willie B. Williams, Taylor E. Cole, Javen Bright, Bunkley Mitchell, Palmer Turner, Isaiah Martin, and Elder and Mrs. Ash. Others would have had some part in this but did not know about it.

When we examined our presents, after every one had gone, we found all kinds of canned goods: corn, tomatoes, soup, canned beans, berries, corn beef, sausages, peaches, salt, pepper, onions, tomatoes, scones, fruit cake, dried fruit, 15 lbs. sugar, 2-pounds coffee, salt, spices, 10 dozen handkerchiefs, stationery for 6 months, and many other necessary things.

Sister Cole served us with a fine lunch and we had a grand time. This will long be remembered. We have rejoiced much because of the love of these fine folks.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS ITEMS

Little Rock, Arkansas
By Mrs. Minnie Gydon

The Cross Street Christian Church observed Woman's Day according to schedule. The members of the Society gave a program sponsored by Sister S. L. Bostick. The program gave us an insight into the existing conditions of the people of the earth. These folk find their greatest helpers are Missionaries who are supported by the United Christian Missionary Society.

We are looking forward to a new record for Arkansas this year as our good Sister Bostick is back on the field again. Previously, under Sister Bostick's leadership, Arkansas had eleven Societies, but this number has been reduced to about six in recent years. We now have nine as she has six new ones. Rev. J. S. Ash, whom we all know and love, brought us a real missionary message. He has always been a great friend to every worthy cause. Our offering was $8.00.

Clarksdale, Miss.

Dear Editor of "The Plea":

May I have space in your paper to let our people know that the First Christian Church at Clarksdale is moving onward and upward.

On December 21 we were graced with the presence of our State Treasurer of M. C. M. and president of the Universal Life Insurance Company, Dr. J. E. Walker, of Memphis, Tenn. He was accompanied by his beloved pastor, Eld. B. T. Hunt.

Dr. Walker brought to us a message that was inspiring and it is yet in the minds of the people. Prayer was offered by Elder Hunt and music was furnished by the First Baptist and First Christian Church choirs.

This was a real spiritual meeting. The collection was $30.00. At that time some of our faithful members were suffering with influenza. A few members were present with ministers from other churches.

We are always glad to have our Christian brothers and elders with us.

—Mrs. D. A. Elliott, Reporter

Sycamore, S. C.

Jan. 1, 1929—We have ended the work of 1928 and are now beginning the work of 1929. We ended the years work in South Carolina by celebrating with a Christmas program in a few of the churches.

We are going into the work of 1929 with great ambition, we have a full program for the year the work in South Carolina is moving nicely since our State Convention.

Our quarterly meeting has just passed which was a great success. The attendance was small due to the Christmas holidays.

The women's work in the state is growing. They are strong enough to hold their own Union. Formerly they have held their meetings jointly with the Bible School Church and Women's Missionary Society. Now the Women's Missionary Society has gone to itself. We are sorry to be so late in thanking Elder Moss through "The Plea" for his presence at the South Carolina Convention. The information given by him was very valuable.

Our prayers for the entire Brotherhood are for a happy and prosperous year winning souls for Christ.

Leroy Kearse, S. C. Evan.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Elder B. C. Calvert, Evangelist for the State of Mississippi writing to "The Plea" eleven additional subscriptions. Elder Calvert is a "live wire" and if our other ministers are on the job putting The Plea into every Christian's home as Elder Calvert is doing in the state of Mississippi the future of The Plea would be assured.

Prof. Moss, who has charge of Religious Education sends a list for the Brotherhood.

Many others have sent "Plea" subscriptions and "The Plea" wishes to thank all for their loyalty.

Eld. A. W. Davis held a revival for the second church of Columbia, Mo. Dec 3-16 1928. The attendance was unusually good; the interest was at high pitch and a total of 16 were added by primary obedience. Eld. Davis, while there, installed the baptistry and the heater which cost $600.00. The offering for the meeting was $200.00.

Eld. Davis has previously dedicated the new $30,000.00 church the latter part of November, Eld. A. L. Martin, the husband of Sister Cynthia Martin, the husband and National President for the U. C. M. S, is pastor of the Columbia Church.

The revival for Gary Indiana has been postponed until spring.

Plans for revivals at Atchinson and Topeka, Kansas in the near future.

Eld. Preston Taylor, our National President, is slightly improved at his home in Nashville, Tenn., where he has been ill since Dec. 27. We pray for his early and complete recovery.

President J. N. Irvin is much improved, and able to be about his affairs at the school and about the office.

Eld. Gilbert Bundy is in St. Louis where Sister Bundy is improving her health.

Miss Bessie E. Chandler spent the holidays visiting relatives at Nashville, Tenn.

Pro. P. H. Moss is spending his vacation during the month of January at his home in Kansas City, Kansas, where the plans are being carefully made for extension work in Chicago, University.

Eld. William Alphin spent the holidays with home folk in Kansas City, Mo.

The following ministers have been presented to us as available for pastorage: Eld. F. C. Cathron, Chicago, Ill., Eld. G. A. Terry, Lathrop, Mo., and Eld. Jessie Robinson of Pompton, Ala.

We will gladly publish and keep before the churches any names of ministers wishing churches or Singing Evangelists, free of charge.

Eld. Williams Owens of Louisville, Ky., has accepted the call to Dayton, Ohio.

Eld. Monroe Jackson served Dayton until they could get a pastor, but is now enjoying the quiet of his home at Nashville, Tenn.
"LEST WE FORGET"
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required sense; one who feels that he has been "called" to this work and feels as Paul felt when he said "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." This is the kind of Disciples we need today. Most of our "Prepared men" who have been led into the work usually fail at the critical moment when they are most needed!

A Suggestion

I must not say too much at this time, but I venture a suggestion: Let us try to create a fund to sponsor an effective Evangelistic Program and I dare say we will be surprised at the results. This is plenty of good material that could be utilized and some new men who could be induced to join our forces if there was any assurance of something to "hold-on-to" until they could get their feet on the ground.

Our Nicholasville Work

I have been here since last November 1927. Our work moves along very smoothly. While there is not very much work here, most of our members own their own homes and that makes it a very good place in which to live. There is no new blood tho and of course you know what that means.

Our state work moves along in the same old way. There are a number of vacant Churches because they feel they are not able to pay a Minister, the result is they are looking ground, though they do not realize it. I have my fingers as well as sweets." It was my mis-

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JACKSON MISS. REPORT

Jackson, Miss., Jan 20, 1929

A Report of The Year's Work of The North Christian Church Ending
December 30, 1928

Dept. of Church Raised
S. School Raised (Bro. A. Elmore, Supt.)
Total Raised in all Depta
Paid Church Debt. Loan
Paid on Piano
Paid Pastor B. L. Jacobs
Coal Light Evangelistic Work
and Mission in General
Total Expense of S. School
Supervisor
United Chr. Miss. Society
Dist. and State Convent
Total Expense of Deptments
The name below of those who gave $100.00 more or less.
Brother Abe Elmore
Brother Robt. Clark (Now moved away)
Brother Henry Brown (Now member College addition church

A NOTABLE GIFT
Nashville Banner

It has been long since the Banner has carried a local news article of more genuine significance than one which told of a notable gift made to Fisk University by the will of the late Prof. James Dallas Burrus, a member of the first graduating class at Fisk, and the first negro to receive the Bachelor of Arts degree in a college south of the Mason-Dixon line. The bequests made to his alma mater by Dr. Burrus in reality marked the climax of a life of devoted to the accumulation of material means for the set purpose of doing something largly constructive for the benefit of the race. Dr. Burrus attended Dartmouth after his graduation from Fisk and distinguished himself in mathematics. After holding several responsible positions with credit to himself, he abandoned his ambitions to be an engineer and to teach and began to build an estate which he intended for the use of Fisk in the further education and improvement of the Negro race. How well he succeeded is testified to by the fact that he left an estate valued at $100,000 or more, all of which was dedicated to the local institution.

There will rise on the Fisk campus an apartment house for faculty members and in addition to that there will be certain other considerable improvements possible because Dr. Burrus lived and worked to those mem-

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Chicago Ill.
1/2 of Treasurer, from Kansas City, Kan.
1/4 of Children's Secretary, from Lexington, Ky.
Bible School have the following all full:
President, from Dallas, Texas.
1/4 of Recording Secretary, from Chicago.
1/4 of Corresponding Secretary from Des Moines.
1/4 of Treasurer, from Emporia, Kan.
C. E. have the following:
President, from Fulton, Clergy.
Secretary, from Nashville, Full fare.
Treasurer, from Cleveland, O. Full fare.
You will notice that no office whose way is paid lives within 200 miles and some 800 miles from the convention site.
In as much as these things are true, anyone without a position to defend, can see that the very best thing to do is to start now to plan to hold it elsewhere nearer the center of Disciple population this year. There is time yet to rectify this error so WHY NOT DO IT?

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Brother M. S. Brown
Brother Saul Thomas ....... 66.44
Brother Essau Wilson ... 65.09
Brother Anew Wilson ... 4.00
Eld. B. L. Jacobs ... 33.90
Brother E. Larry ... 14.80
Sister Florence Brown (Now member of College Addition Church) ... 2.50
Sister Nettie Dulles ... 2.35
Sister C. B. Fitzhugh ... 11.80
Sister Lottie Ford ... 3.65
Sister Candis Harper ... 2.5
Sister Mary Jennings ... 50
Sister Diana Lampson ... 8.69
Sister Carthrine Porter (Now member of Baptist Church) ... 1.33
Sister River Tucker ... 1.13
Sister J. May Wilson ... 12.45
Sister L. J. Wilson ... 25.75
Sister Elorna Wilson ... 7.00
Sister Braxton (Now moved away) ... 50
Sister Edna Tucker ... 2.00
Sister Henrietta Tucker ... 1.00
Sister Minnie Wilson ... 1.00
Sister Ruth Tucker ... 2.5
There are those of us who gave nothing, for support of the Church, whose names are not mentioned. We are looking for greater work this year and ask the praye-
Co-operation: What is it? Is it the working together of various agencies toward a common end? There is nothing done successfully, under the sun where the accomplishment of it depends upon different agencies, if they do not co-operate.

Co-operation is the one big word when obeyed that will always bring success.

Through co-operation families and lives grow and mature.

Through co-operation the business world reaches its highest mark.

May I cite this one example of how in the great American game of baseball all of the eight men co-operate with the pitcher and do all they can to help him win the game. The best part is that when the game is won they all receive their share of the glory.

The Master has said, "The children of the world are wiser than the children of the Light." May we try to learn to co-operate in our work.

If the church is to be useful and really fulfill its mission in the world, we must have team-work beginning in our local churches, and also in our state work, in our national work, and on our world task.

I feel that we as Bible School workers perhaps do not realize fully the importance of co-operation in Kingdom Building.

As workers in the Master's vineyard, I am sure that each of us should stop to consider that our ultimate aim is to extend the Master's Kingdom into all the world, and we each can play a definite part in reaching that aim.

We must begin by co-operating in our local work.

Every wise leader will organize his work so that everyone from the boys and girls up may have a part in the work, because co-operation grows out of interest. We can best interest anyone when we give them work to do and to be responsible for.

A wide-awake Superintendent will have many co-workers doing their part in the big program. Some Superintendents, however, make the mistake of appointing many committees to do useless and unnecessary things. This kills the interest of the workers and that Superintendent will be unable to get co-operation when he wants something worthwhile.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

A Blue Pencil Mark indicates your subscription to "The Plea" is due! RENEW it by March 1st. We want your name on our mailing list.

We need you, you need the fellowship of the Churches; the churches need your interest and support. Don't wait, RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION by March 1st.

We have too many committees and officers in name only. As members, when we are assigned to any task, let us strive to complete that task in the most efficient manner possible. God wants and must have efficient workers if his program is to go over. We do our best in our daily work. Why not do our best for God?

As members, let us remember, too, that our leaders cannot do their best work without co-operation. Often when we criticize our leaders we could better the situation by giving our own whole-hearted support.

In order to always co-operate in our work we will have to make self take its proper place in the background and see the cause for which we are working. The church needs more men and women who are willing to do their part in Kingdom Building even when things do not go their way and when their part seems to be a very small part.

Also I feel that all real Christian workers should see the great objective toward which the church is working and realize that each department, Bible School, Christian Endeavor, Missionary and Church proper have a vital part to play if our goal is to be reached. No Christian can afford to be totally uninterested in any department of the church. We need the whole church on the whole task.

We must remember that in Kingdom Building we are working with God. Paul says, "We are workers together with God." Therefore we cannot afford to play on the task. Let each of us say within ourselves: "I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."

What I can do I ought to do. What I ought to do God helping me I will do.

This is the true spirit of co-operation. Whenever everybody gets this spirit the ultimate purpose of Christ will be accomplished. His people will go forward as one powerful force even as the Father and Son are one.

**ORIGINAL POEM FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY**

Dedicated to Prof. J. B. Lehman in thinking tonight of another scribe Yard-wide, all-well, no cotton,
He's not "jes zackly" of our tribe
But by us can't be forgotten.

He first saw the light in Northern clime
He can boast of his family tree,
But he's been "down South a long, long time"

"Mongst plantation melodies."

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RE��ILIOUS EDUCATION

BIBLE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Patrick H. Moss
Superintendent of Religious Education

The prerogatives and the duties of the Superintendent may be considered under three classes.

1. General duties.
2. Duties during the week.
3. Duties in the session of the school.

"The general duties consist of supervision, selection and recommendation of departmental superintendents and teachers, assignment of pupils and building a program of worship and service.

Week-day duties. The task of the superintendent of the Bible School extends through the seven days in the week. He or she is ever planning to meet the intellectual, physical, spiritual and social needs of the school.

The measure of the superintendent's interest will be the measure of his or her efficiency. If in college he or she should specialize, if at home he should build up a good library of the best books bearing on the subject. Such books as:

"The Model Superintendent," by Trumbull.

"Ways of Working" by Schaffer.

"Organizing and Building up the S.S." by Hurbut.

Some things that the Superintendent should do if he or she expects to build a worthwhile school:

1. Be asking the children to visit other schools and get new plans.
2. Be asking the children to subscribe to some good church and Sunday School paper.
3. Be asking the children to know the Cooperative Movement.
4. Be asking the children to know the New Testament.
5. Be asking the children to know the missionary work.

The Superintendent should know his workshop, the history, purpose, opportunity and destiny of the Sunday School.

A story is a great educational factor in the life of the boys and girls. In the church school, library, playground or home, the story is of great ethical value. As teachers you can lead the children to love that which is beautiful and good and to dislike evil and baseful. It is said that when stories are told children have power to mold character, to build up new standards and tear down established ones.

With this knowledge of the unlimited values of stories as teachers you realize the need of preparing yourself to correctly tell your story each Sunday morning in the Church School. Consider first, what the story really is: A story is a picture that arouses intense interest and feeling. With this in mind the story should be told easily and connectively without the use of a blackboard or a leaflet, so that the child will, through intense imagination, form a series of connected scenes or pictures, thus making the whole plot of the story. As the story is being told many emotions of sympathy are aroused; through sympathy they will express their approval or disapproval of the actions of the characters.

The efficient superintendent is, one of heart, lover of children, a friend to all, a servant not a boss. He is an optimist and enthusiast. Enthusiasm is hope in action." He must be courteous, reverent, tactful prompt and a firm believer in the "Go Ye" of Jesus Christ.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL
SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler, Elementary Superintendent

"Children ill and lonely
Children poor and sad
Father watch and keep them
Make them glad."

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
"AND KEPT BACK PART OF THE PRICE"—ACTS 5:2

By P. H. Moss

These are very familiar words to all readers of the New Testament. They at once take our minds back to those two who were the first to bring disgrace upon the early Church. It seems strange enough that in this early church, fresh from the hands of the Creator, that two of its members would agree to deceive the Holy Spirit. There were only two to start with, but if they had "gotten away" with this first offense, the number might have grown to the amazement of the whole church. Peter knowing this, put a stop to this thing at once. You will agree that he was very severe in this first case of discipline. It is not the desire of the writer to see business pick up for the undertaker, but it seems that it is going to take some kind of phenomenon to get the attention of the church.

Revivals Profitable—Must Be Paid For

A story is told of a certain church that felt alarmed at the way things were going. The minister could not put on a special evangelistic meeting because the officers of the church feared the cost of the meeting—had to burn lights, keep fires and pay someone to attend a political meeting the night before and heard some one say that some time you can make progress by waiting until "we sweat before we beg". We did not come in one year; it did not come in twelve years, shall we answer the call? We said twelve years ago that the time was past due for such an organization as the National Convention. This child is just twelve years old, you cannot expect too much of it; it has hardly had time to become orientated. Shall a father withhold food and clothing from his twelve year old child because he is behind in one or two grades? Sinking the Ship and its Crew Because You Dislike the Cook!

That is just what the minister is doing when he says that he will not raise any part of his national appropriation, because things are not going to suit him. At the convention he voted a ten thousand dollar budget, but he comes to his local church and keeps back part of the price. He never mentions the "Bible Chair" at Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky; the need of the Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va.; the South Christian Institute in Mississippi and Jarvis College in Texas. If all the churches in the brotherhood refused to give money and influence, what would become of your workers on the field, home and abroad? Do you really care? Are you willing to sink the whole ship because you dislike the cook? There was a time that we said: "Go to it, we will build a college to train the leadership of the church." Well, if it did not come in one year, it did not come in twelve years, shall we give up or keep back part of the price until everything suits us? Shall we wait until "we sweat before we beg" to cut the tree?

If you once used your influence to raise the national appropriation in your congregation, why keep back part of the price, at a time like this, when we are contending for a bigger and better Christian Press? It takes real money to get a worthwhile paper; How long shall we fumble with this enterprise? We cannot make it whatever we want it to be if you keep back part of the price. Youth, the Church's Asset—If We Fail Them, They Will Fail Us!

The placing of a young people's secretary on the field was entirely in the hands of those who made the fine pledges last August. We still hope that you will redeem those pledges. This will not be done if we keep back part of the price. You can never make a better investment. The youth of the church is its best asset, if we fail them now, they will fail us later: we dare not go forward unless we take the child with us; we cannot go alone. The call of the new age challenges the best that is in us, shall we answer the call? "Live and let live!" was the cry of the Old. The call of the world, when the world was cold—The call of men when they pulled apart—The call of the race with a chill on the heart. But "Live and let live!" is the cry of the New. The cry of the world with a dream shining through—The cry of the brother world rising to birth—The cry of the Christ for a Comrade—like earth."

ORIGINAL POEM FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

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Dedicated to Prof. J. B. Lehman
His seat has not been a cushion one Of which the idealist dreams. For every rose there has been two thorns Yet he steadfastly follows the gleam. Few men have been so misunderstood But with Job-like patience borne, He keeps on "hearing his lot of wood" Believing his day will dawn. Tis only the one who knows he's right Will espouse an unpopular cause, And forge ahead with his beacon light With scorn and contempt for applause. The education of any race Is a matter of time and men. It isn't the litl of the thrilling rhyme But the battle of sword and pen. The public school is a single ear Making boat turn round and round Whoever stops with this sort of love Can never swim but drown. For God made man in three-fold style With body, mind and soul. To develop all, begin with the child Or you never will reach the god. So into the thick of the South my man Came, bent on a mission to serve Casting about to evolve a plan "Gainst odds which tested his nerve. Concluded March 1st.

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The second story serves to show how little Johnny, who worried his mother considerably about going to see the "big show of the bear circus"; she finally consented to get a bit of needed rest. Johnny starts out in merry glee and was later attracted by "a Barker" standing on the end of a salt barrel at the door of the "side show" yelling: "Come see a man whose head is on backwards, only 50 cents!" Johnny digs up his "five hits" and goes in, not because it is anything new for he meets multitudes of people every day whose heads are on backwards, but the point is, Johnny forgets about the "big show," so he goes in a little side show merely to realize an instant later that he had spent all his money and missed the "big show;" this is Johnny's penalty for not keeping his eye on the goal.

Jesus had something to say about the man who "puts his hands to the plow and looks back not being worthy" etc.

If we remember correctly Paul was rather disappointed in the Gallatians who "ran well for a season," but some counter-attraction set up and they were "bewitched" and slowed down in their zeal forgetting all about the main issue.

Let us constantly bear in mind that every little issue calls out counter issues and there are always "side shows" on the way to the "main show." All true progress calls out the opposition of the reactionaries; Christ was attacked by the Pharisees; George Washington had those who opposed him; Abraham Lincoln was beset by many who evidently thought he would surely lead his country wrong. It is always thus!

For the last four years we have consumed a good deal of valuable time and stirred up much sentiment in our National Young People's Field Secretary or Work.

"Some Needs of the Christian Plea"

I was soliciting a Missouri brother for a gift of $100.00 for "The Christian Plea Fund." In the course of our conversation he remarked, "brother Gray, as I see it 'The Christian Plea' needs: An efficient and successful promoter who is imbued with unshaken enthusiasm; an administrator whose ability begets confidence; a good organizer who can produce results; someone who has faith in that which he advocates and backs that faith with unyielding zeal; one who is optimistic, friendly, sympathetic, approachable and has the peculiar faculty of making strong attachments for the cause he represents; one who is endowed with initiative and leadership qualities."

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GOAL NUMBER TWO

In a recent interview, one of our leading ministers in speaking of the strategic place "The Christian Plea" occupies in the Church Life of the brotherhood, expressed his idea in these words: "Brother Gray, there isn't any three combined professorships in any of our schools that mean half as much to the church today as does 'The Christian Plea.'" The expression was made to indicate the importance of the brotherhood's latest venture—our medium of communication and most outstanding opportunity for service.

Another one of our more aged brethren, a layman in Kansas, paused to express his idea in these words: "I know 'The Plea' furnishes a very splendid opportunity for doing a great service to the church; it is attempting to meet a long-felt need in the life of the church." "As I can see it," continued the speaker, "no three ministers in the brotherhood can do as much (combined) good for the church as can a worthy church paper." The first brother lives in Indiana; the second lives in Kansas—a pioneer in the church-life of that state. These are certainly bold and challenging statements.
GENERAL INTEREST

The matter of pledges was put before the Mississippi Boulevard Church on last Lord’s Day and they responded readily, those who had pledged, with $25.00. Some have paid their pledges in full. We appreciate this splendid co-operation and expression of good will for “The Christian Plea.”

With the exception of $10.00, which will be paid in the very near future, the entire amount of $100.00 pledged at S. C. L., has been paid. This represents vital interest and genuine sacrifice on the part of those who contributed.

Our church folk in Mound Bayou, Miss., responded nobly to the call of “The Plea.” Sister P. R. McCarty whose pledge was for $100.00, has paid $25.00 and states the other will be forthcoming this month.

Brother B. F. Mayo, of Emporia, Kansas, a great pioneer in our Kansas work, has set an outstanding example not only for the brethren of that state, but also for those of the brotherhood who have been fortunate enough to acquire a bit of this world’s goods and especially money. While he is vitally inactive now and has been for 10 or 12 years as far as work is concerned, his interest in the church has been keen. There he has endeavored to manifest that interest by building some memorial to his beloved wife and the cause which she loved so much, the church in the city of Emporia and the state of Kansas. Especially was this interest indicated when the pastor (white) of the Emporia church came to him relative to the “Kansas Crusade Movement,” which represents the Kansas State Work (white). Brother Mayo responded most nobly with a splendid pledge of $100.00, the principal of which is to be placed on deposit and the interest to be used annually for the development of the churches (colored) of Kansas. In addition to this, when the Editor of “The Plea” went to Brother Mayo and presented our cause and needs of “The Christian Plea,” with its possibilities and opportunities for the church, and asked Brother Mayo to contribute $200.00. After much discussion he conceded to give our cause every possible consideration, and thought at the time he would be able to grant our request, but felt sure he could at least give half of that amount. This we thought was indeed commendable, and we hope to be able to make further announcements about this grand old man of God a little later.

Brother Chas. T. Terry and family of Emporia, Kansas, one of the great pillars of the Emporia Church and loyal supporters to the cause came to the front in the city Emporia with a splendid pledge of $100.00 which we feel is as good as gold. While speaking of the Emporia Church we might also mention their splendid young pastors, Brother H. C. Poston and wife who pledged each $10.00 and Sister Alice Henry and mother who pledged $25.00 and others who stated they would pledge; this we feel is a fine showing for Emporia and one or two of the other churches of the state of Kansas have indicated that they will respond just as nobly.

In the great old “Show Me” State of Missouri, we await full developments before making our final announcements, but judging from all indications and pledges made thus far, Missouri bids fair to lead the brotherhood in this respect with brother and sister Bassett of Madison and the Burtons (Elder E. K. Burton and family); Brother James Sims, of Fulton, Elder J. W. Daniel, of Jefferson City, Sister Eva Gilmore and Queenie Mayberry of Jefferson City and Brother and Sister G. G. Bythe of Fulton; Sister Fannie Berry, Sister R. J. Payne, Brother W. H. Brown and many others of several Missouri churches including the Frankford church, the church and St. Louis all following in pursuit; we feel sure that Missouri will not be one wit behind any other state. Space will not permit us at this time to give all the names of persons, churches and states that have responded either with pledges or contributions, but we hope to be able to do this soon.

The entire brotherhood regrets very much the loss of Sister Sarah Blackburn to the Mississippi work. Sister Blackburn, as will be recalled met with a very unfortunate accident on her way to the National Convention which was to meet in Chicago. Her death resulted from this accident.

Brother J. B. Lehman is scheduled with the Washington church for February 17th.

The Joint Executive Committee has been called to meet in the Mission Building at Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 5th.

“The Christian Plea” now has a full time office secretary, whose services will doubtless mean much in the way of efficiency. We have experienced some difficulty in getting our subscription list straightened up and have taken advantage of this means to advise all subscribers to report at once to the Editor all dissatisfaction relative to their subscriptions and any suggestions or friendly criticism they may have. We also ask that every pastor cooperate with us in sending in their news items of their churches and we hope our State Presidents, Secretaries and Evangelists will see that we get reports from their respective states at least once a month and if possible twice a month. Report all matter to the Editor at 2021 Montana Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Rev. Frank Brown, 1325 College St., Memphis, comes from the Christian Advent Church of Memphis to take membership with the Mississippi Boulevard Church.

John M. Coleman, brother of Elder F. H. Coleman, 2725 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, departed this life Dec. 29th. He was baptized by Elder P. Washington at the S. C. L. Edwards, Miss. He worked some in the new church in Youngstown, Ohio, where his brother, Stephen W. Coleman was recently made an Elder. He suffered quite a while having several operations. His parting words to all the five remaining brothers was: “To live a straight life for Jesus.”

A CARD OF THANKS

Russellville, Ark.

I wish very much to express my heartfelt gratitude toward the members of the Edward Chapel Christian

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FROM OUT NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. A. L. Martin, 401 N. 5th Street, Columbia, Mo.

Dear Sisters:

As the time passes on, so are we passing on, and the record we have made as we pass onward we go will stand as a monument of good or evil to us. One-half of our Missionary year is history, and our thoughts are turned to the next big event of our Program—Easter Week of Prayer.

As we approach this season we are trying to count in the splendid women who are serving the states and local societies, knowing that our success will depend largely upon their efforts; hence we look hopefully to the future for a larger work today than we saw yesterday. Remember our aims for the year, and try with me to reach everyone. This is an easy possibility.

During Easter week let us make a membership drive; let us talk “World Call” and “Christian Plea.” I don’t know how many societies we have, so I am asking that each State President and Secretary write me of your State Work in which letter please tell me how many societies you have.

So often we pray the Father to add His blessings to the work. He has done so and the work is increasing rapidly, then we ought to bear our share of that increase. If the work is increased, our giving must be increased; hence we are thinking of a larger “Love Gift” this Easter. Those of us who have given one dollar for the past ten years, let us move up out of the way, of the next class by giving two dollars that they may find it a duty and a pleasure to give the ONE.

Measure the ground you have covered, is it up to the “Standard of Excellence” which holds the idea of one-half the quota paid; all dues for the half year paid in full, etc.

We are not appealing to you for financial support only, but your moral and spiritual support will be encouraging; more men and women will be reached which will mean a greater asset for the entire brotherhood.

Sisters, it would be so encouraging to me if you would pause just a bit and write me of your work. Being your new president, I am sure I do not know all I ought to know about you. It would be a very nice thing if every society would write giving its own conditions.

We want to know how to count you in, and we do not want to wait until the last minute when just a postal card will do it. A few states are keeping up, but these are bearing their part of the burden; yours is wanting. Look your society over; stir it to duty; counsel your group leaders; seek the delinquents and keep a wide-awake program before those who are interested.

Yours for Missions.

MRS. A. L. MARTIN, President.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We are asking all whose subscriptions to “The Plea” have expired to renew them at once. It is only $1.00 and we are sure everyone can get a dollar if he wants to and tries hard enough.

THE BLUE PENCIL MARK means your subscription is due. RENEW IT AT ONCE!

Editorial Comment

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“Yes,” said I, “and ‘The Plea’ needs some other things which you doubtless have in mind but failed to mention.”

“The Christian Plea” needs: generous supporters who know how to sacrifice and don’t mind it for Christ’s sake. It needs tireless “Boosters”; it needs loyal supporters whose love for the church is unquestionable; it needs bold and willing champions for its cause; it needs dauntless followers who never give up, or let up in their efforts to do all they can with their time, words, influence, money and news for publication with the one hope of eventually securing the things desired and especially needed in “The Christian Plea.”

Thus we have the two sides of “Something The Christian Plea Needs.” In the first instance some things are required of an editor, in the second instance some things are required of subscribers, readers, church constituents and churches themselves. In fairness to all, it must be said only as the two work together and do their whole duties and “love” their full share of responsibility, will “The Christian Plea” be all it should be and measure up to the brotherhood’s expectations.

“The Christian Plea” does not assume the spirit and attitude of handing our churches a program of work; on the contrary, it proposes to help carry out the program of the local churches and arouse the earnest spirit of the churches as a whole.

“The Plea” does not intend to superimpose anything, rather it has committed itself to the more laborious task of “informing and educating” until the membership is sufficiently enlightened to act within itself. A paramount need in the local church is intensive education of the membership and officiary on the importance of systematic, intelligent, weekly contribution for Missionary Work as well as for local expenses; this should supplant our spasmatic efforts to raise money through rallies, entertainments, etc. Also there is great need for stewardship teaching about the proper use of christians’ time, opportunities, talents, influence, money, etc., as related to the church and God.

Church ignorance must be expelled if the conquering hosts of Christ are to go forward. An ignorant church, with an indifferent leadership can not succeed any more than an untrained army under the direction of an imbecile. Jesus chose 12 men from the ordinary walks of life. He taught them and they became extraordinary men! The leaders of today have an educational task!

Furthermore, the time for haphazard, “hit and miss” methods of doing the work of the church is passed; our churches need to be taught to make and follow a church program for a period of years with every definite objective in view. The officiary must be taught to appreciate and use business methods, and undoubled our pastors must recognize, more readily, changing conditions with increasing demands, and to this end they must know how to move advantageously organize their forces. No minister, regardless of his educational limitations, can longer excuse the utter lack of systematic and efficient organization in his church work.

He must have his methods of procedure, objectives, programs and budgets. Doubtless there is much to be done educationally!

“The Christian Plea” is the integrated medium through which the churches may express their united power in those great lines of service about which we all agree. It proposes to help about fellowship and cooperation in the larger work of saving the world for Christ; it proposes to develop a strong brotherhood consciousness, fostered through: “The Christian Plea,” “Missionary Magazines,” “Bible School Publications,” District, State, National and Inter-National Conventions, and the friendly interchange of ministers and members.

We are not so much interested in assembling outstanding congregations as far as numbers go, as we are in achieving a number of goals, usually designated in our gatherings or conventions. Every church reporting to those gatherings or convention should accept the votes of the convention as the voice of the churches.

Concluded March 1st
Mississippi the “Magnolia State”

By B. C. Calvert, Evangelist

We are happy to report that on the night of December 21, 1928, Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., spoke to an appreciative audience at the First Christian Church of Clarksdale, Miss. Dr. Walker is one of the greatest Churchmen of the age. His message was a source of inspiration to “the faithful few” who had succeeded in paying us four thousand ($4,300) three hundred dollars.

Elder B. T. Hunt, pastor of the Memphis Church, was present, and made the closing remarks, to the satisfaction of all who heard him. He paid a high tribute to Dr. Walker as a Churchman.

Elder E. G. Mason, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clarksdale, introduced Dr. Walker. He said Dr. Walker’s success in business is due to his faithfulness, and his loyalty to the Church.

Mrs. Lucy Snead of Chicago, were those from afar who were in attendance on the funeral occasion.

The Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention is giving three prizes to the three Churches raising the highest amounts above their apportionments. The first prize will be a “Banner” with the leading Church’s name written on it in letters of gold. The second prize will be a Communion Set, and the third prize will be two dozens of Song Books.

Clarksdale is serving notice on the brethren of Mississippi that she is working for that first prize. She will prove by her works that she is indeed and in truth the Leading Church.

The Clarksdale Church has been organized into seventeen clubs, and each club is requested to raise ten ($10.00) dollars. This will give us a total of one hundred ($100.00) and seventy dollars.

The Indiana Church has unanimously adopted the Budget System. By this plan we hope to put new life in the Church, and more money into the treasury.

Bro. A. Elmore and wife took Sister Tucker, Mrs. Calvert and the Evangelist to Union Hill to the funeral of Mrs. S. S. Blackburn.

Evangelist Calvert recently sent in eleven subscriptions to the Christian Plea. Will other ministers do as well?

Mound Bayou District Convention will be held with the First Christian Church of Clarksdale, Miss., beginning Thursday night, Feb. 14, 1929. We look forward to a great Convention.

Mrs. Jennie Coleman of Clarksdale is now on the sick list. She seems to be improving.

Even though Bro. E. D. Vaughan works in Jonestown, twelve miles from Clarksdale, he is a real asset to the work here.

Bro. C. A. Weit, Chairman of the Official Board of the Clarksdale Church, was not present at the official meeting on Friday night, Feb. 1, 1929, on account of the illness of one of his sons.

Miss Z. L. Vaughan, who spent more than three months in the hills of Claiborn County, has returned to her home in Clarksdale.

Mrs. F. A. Vaughan and her aunt,

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Mrs. Susan Jones, were called to the bedside of Mrs. Yarber of Memphis, another aunt. They have returned and reported that Mrs. Yarber is much improved.

Mrs. Eliza Gelee, of Jackson, Miss., has been on the sick list for the past several days, but seems to be recovering.

Mrs. Celia Kinney, one of Clarksdale’s most faithful and best members, has been sick but is now up and working.

Elder B. L. Jacobs was over to Jackson Wednesday night on Church business. He has planned great things for the North Jackson Christian Church for this conventional year.

From the Banks of the Old Kentucky “The Blue Grass State”

By C. H. Dickerson

Whatever the aim, the “flu” did not miss Old Kentucky. Seventeen hundred cases and 40 deaths is the report in our local papers, in Fayette County and Lexington. We hope the worst is not yet to come.

Needless to say that all Church and school work has been significantly affected, but somehow the work keeps up and we have many things to cheer us, as we know there’s an oasis in every desert though every traveler does not find it.

The same is true of many other things that the Great Creator has done. Have Thine own way Lord, have Thine own way, Thou art the potter. I am the clay, is a pretty good attitude for workers in Kingdom Building.

Kentucky State Board had good January meeting. Brother Frost resigned for good reasons, finding it impractical to serve. The vice presidency and Brother H. T. Wilson was elected.

Finding acceptable promising students for our Lincoln Institute attendance is the feature of immediate activity. State S. S. Board met and outlined plans for leadership Training School to be held in Covington, Ky., Tri-state Ky., Ohio, and Indiana if proper adjustments can be made.

A later number will carry a positive message. The writer was elected Treasurer to succeed the late Bro. C. W. Duncan, who passed in November to his reward.

C. H. DICKERSON

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"The Sunflower State" (Kansas)
By F. H. Coleman, Pastor Atchison and State President

The work at Atchison is moving along nicely. Each department is active. The Bible School has added some new teachers to its force. We were thankful to Miss Ruth Baker of Martinsville, Va., for casting her lot with us while she is in the city. Miss Baker is one of the city school teachers. It shows a very fine spirit for one to work in his church even though there for a short time.

Notwithstanding that she is a city teacher, she is not ashamed of the little church as some of our professionals are. She brings one of her teacher friends also.

We are striving to make this a banner year by being 100 per cent in our apportionment—State and National. As soon as the weather permits we are trying to survey several new fields with the Pentacostal program. We are trying to survey several new fields with the hope of beginning at least one new field.

Church News Items
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THANKS

Church at this place for the kind hospitality, the kind consideration, and the kind and charitable deeds which they rendered us during the illness of our husband and father, Brother W. T. York.

Among the few are Mrs. Mary Franklin, Miss Emma Franklin and also Mrs. Sallie Woodard and several others that space won't permit me to mention.

May God bless them and may their lives be long and prosperous is my hope.

Your Sister In Christ,
VIOLA YORK.
809 Marian St.
RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.

Dear Editor of "The Christian Plea":

Please publish for me the splendid help the Brethren and Sisters rendered to me during my illness. The Russellville Church sent out a box of groceries given by sisters Mary Franklin, Emma Franklin and Yetter Russell.

Center Point Church sent me a box of good things to eat. Saratoga Church sent a bushel of corn. Pearidge Church sent me an offering. This help came in the very time of need. Words cannot express my appreciation to all for their kindness.

It was very sad thing to see sister Mary Franklin and husband loose their beautiful home by fire during the Christmas week.

I am still in bed, can't say how long it will be until I can go to my appointment where I am pastoring at Pearidge.

I left brother and sister Bostick's home on Christmas eve where I had been ill for a few days. Everyone was so nice to me while there.

Respectfully,
ELDER W. T. YORK.

FULTON NOTES

Elder P. C. Washington, now a teacher in East St. Louis, preached both morning and evening, December 30. He is a former pastor of the church.

The fourteen months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Booker Starks was buried Sunday, January 6. Elder Christopher of the A. M. E. Church officiated.

The Helping Hand Club gave an entertainment and served refreshments at the church, December 28 and raised over $10.00.

The Art and Dramatic Club gave a social for members and visiting young folks during Christmas week. Many took advantage of the opportunity.

Miss Catherine Van Buren has returned to school at Lincoln University.

The Quarterly Reports of the Church and departments show a very appreciable increase in finance and interest.

The Church offering envelopes given by the Art and Dramatic Club to the Church are now in use.

The special Christmas offering ran over $8.00. The program was put on. So far this year, each department has observed its special day at the appointed time.

February is to be used in special efforts to raise the state apportionments.

Mrs. Emma Richmond, Vice President of the Helping Hand Club, is out again after a severe heart attack.

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OBITUARY

Sister Susan Nance was born in Christian County, Kentucky, in the year 1844, July 26th and departed this life December 29th, 1928 at 11:45 a.m., age 75 years, 5 months and 4 days.

She had been a member of the Christian church for more than forty years. To know sister Nance was to love her.

She died in full triumph of the faith of the fathers. She knew that the end was near for she remarked to relatives and friends at her bedside the evening before her death, that her troubles and pains would soon be over. She remained conscious until a few minutes before the end.

She leaves to mourn her passing the following: Mrs. Thomas Jenkins of Madisonville, Ky., Mrs. Adella Cannon, of Alton, Illinois and Miss Della Hill of this city, who are nieces.

Mr. Thomas and Benjamin Hill of Englewood, New Jersey, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

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TIMELY EVANGELISM
BY C. D. SERRILL
Reproduced

Evangelism is the very heart of Christianity. It is the vital spark which keeps the church alive, and which warms the pulse of civilization. The original message was good tidings of great joy which should be to all people. A gospel which does not fit the needs of every period in history is not good news in reality. William T. Ellis says: "The greatest proof of apostolic succession is apostolic success." Today we have a splendid opportunity to prove the truth of this statement.

Evangelism for the times must be elemental. The gospel must always be applied to fit the need of the individual soul. It must take him where he is and bring him to Jesus. Whether he be a child, an adolescent, a youth or a person grown matters not; the gospel will fit and fill his soul. The greatest commendation of the book of Acts consists in the fact that it presents the gospel in such elemental method that it presents the gospel to others. We must impinge the gospel message upon the consciousness of the world until the glory of Jehovah takes on new meaning.

Evangelism to be effective today must be expositional. It must have a true scriptural foundation. Bible conversions have always proved this true; and the present age is no exception. Today, when we understand child and adult psychology so well, and when we know the Bible so much better than ever, there is small excuse for not bringing the two together, and thus achieving lasting results. Such evangelism must conform practically with the public school program. Our scriptural instruction, whether in church schools upon the Lord's Day or in week-day religious schools, should be on a high plane in order to claim the respect of the students. It must show the reasonableness of Christian teaching in relation to all other education. Thus taught it will result in right character development, which is the finest fruit of evangelism.

SPECIAL NOTICE!
A BLUE PENCIL MARK indicates your subscription to "The Plea" is due. RENEW IT AT ONCE! We want your name on our mailing list.

We need you—You need the fellowship of the churches; the churches need your interest and support. Don't WAIT, renew your subscription.

P.S.—Forward all Renewals to 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tenn., care of, Dr. J. E. Walker.

Evangelism to find the hearts of folks must be emphatic. A stimulated belief will not convince. We must let others know that we believe what we preach. Christianity is true because it is founded upon the well-attested facts of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; and if it brings the right sort of conviction to us we will be able to pass it on to others. Truly, "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation," and it works both ways, in the heart of the giver as well as in that of the recipient.

Convictions will always convince. Dr. Goodell says: "The crying need of the world is a few first-class convictions." And what is a conviction? Is it not something which makes a convict of a man, which fastens him to one thing, so that he is not at liberty to roam everywhere to no purpose? He says further: "If, as some about everything, it would be an think, our fathers were too sure immense gain if some of their children were absolutely certain of anything." An emphatic evangelism, with a firm note of conviction, will bring results.

Evangelism to warm the souls of our brother-men must be emotional. The indifference of the present is largely due to the lack of emotion in experience and in appeal. The church's temperature is low; she does not speak with the fervor and passion of her earlier years. Too many of us are afraid of being accused of emotionalism; we think it is beneath us to shed a tear or speak with faltering voice. Some time ago, Harry E. Fosdick threw a bomb into a meeting of the Greater New York Ministerial Association when he said these words: "Ministers are discussing social and economic problems and human institutions too much, and are neglecting to wrestle with the individual soul. We need a renaissance of what our fathers used to know as evangelical preaching."

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NATIONAL BIRTHDAY BANK
A MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

By BESSIE E. CHANDLER

No better plan has been devised for the enlistment of Bible School pupils in missionary giving than the use of the National Birthday Bank. The missionary or general superintendent should call every Sunday for special birthday gifts over and above all other contributions, based upon an adequate program of missionary education. The birthday bank should be opened at least twice a year, December and June.

To those schools who are not using the birthday bank we urge you to send an announcement to the United Christian Missionary Society and secure one free of charge. Then in order that your school may have brought to its attention in a special way the fine service which the new birthday bank may render in the missionary and benevolent work of your school, may I suggest the following special service:

Set a special Sunday two or three weeks ahead to be known as "Birthday Bank Dedication Sunday." (If you have a missionary program in your school, a missionary Sunday would be a good day for this service.)

Make a placard announcement to hang in a prominent place in your Bible School auditorium, giving advance notice of the special dedication service.

Make full and frequent announcement of such dedication service both from the platform and in the church bulletin.

In all the advance announcements, state that all members of the school who have not made a birthday offering since the beginning of the current missionary year, July 1, 1928, will be expected to make such birthday offerings on Dedication Service Sunday, and that others who have made such birthday offerings during the period the bank has been in use up to the dedication, may be asked to give a special Love Gift for World-Wide Missions, thereby having a definite and tangible part in the dedicatory Birthday Service.

All birthday offerings thus gathered will apply to the credit of your Bible School and therefore assist your school in raising its apportionment.

To all schools we suggest to you the following plans for Birthday Offering Day for the Birthday Offering every Sunday:

1. Use a word of greeting, an appropriate song, birthday verse or a brief prayer to express sentiments in harmony with the occasion.

2. Ask those to stand the first Sunday in each month whose birthday comes that month.

3. Have a birthday secretary who will keep a list of all birthdays and send a note of congratulations to arrive on the birthday calling attention to the custom of the gifts for Missions.

4. Devote all birthday offerings sacredly to missions and benevolence as special gifts over and above all other contributions, and explain this frequently to the school.

The department of Religious Education is especially anxious that all the local schools will use the National Birthday Bank regularly every Sunday.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH
III. YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.
By V. G. SMITH

(Continued from Feb. 15th Issue)

Reorganization or Church Life Dept.
The entire department is organized under one president with four vice-presidents and departmental secretaries with four associate secretaries. The vice-presidents are chairmen of four standing committees which are Church School or educational, Christian Endeavor or expressional, Service or missionary, Social Life or recreational. These committees each have a particular part of the program of the department to look after. The committees plan the worship, make out the program, manage the finances and be responsible for the efficiency of the various activities.

Close or Unification
This plan of correlation is built upon a set of officers and six committees. Each activity of the young person in the church is under this set of officers and these committees are responsible for their particular item in each of the sessions of the department. These committees are:

1. Program or Devotional for worship services.
2. Membership for the department bringing members to all.
3. Service or missionary for projecting service activities.
4. Social or recreational for promoting all socials.
5. Finance for budgeting and financing the budget.
6. Executive through which all business clears.

With all these types or correlation there must be the very evident loyalty of every individual and the very careful selection of officers and leaders. The Young Peoples Department is an effective unit in developing interest, initiative and leadership for the church of tomorrow.

CONSIDERATION
By Elder J. L. Beach, 1308 Woodlawn Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.

Brother president members and friends of the 11th Street Christian Church, Annual Alabama Convention of Disciples of Christ, I want to talk to you on the subject, "Consideration."

Consideration is needed in all our relationships, contacts and efforts. We must consider our own physical lives as well as our spiritual lives. Caring for our bodies will enable them to be healthy and sound that they may be used as temples for God.

We must consider the fact that we are instruments for God's purpose and through Him we may manifest His works. Man's greatest mistakes were made by not considering God as Creator and Universal King; through Him we "move and have our being." We must consider the unrighteousness of our hearts and lay it aside and fill our hearts with righteousness and things eternal which will not fade away.

We should give consideration to the tongue, a very small organ of taste and speech, but is unruly and is able to set the soul on hell fire. We should not use our tongues for the purpose of lying, murdering and breaking peace in our homes and in the homes of others. Let us use this little organ as a power for God and Him only. God gives us energy and He wants us to give it back to Him through obedient service to His divine cause. We must consider God's Church, the greatest institution, and the one means through which men, women, boys and girls may enter into God's Kingdom.

"Consideration" must be given to all achievements in any walk of life and there must also be sacrifice. No one can attain success on "flowery beds of ease"; we should weave our own threads in life that we might know them ourselves. Mr. President, members and friends of the 11th convention, let us consider that we are all stewards of God in this world and some day we must give an account of our stewardship. We must appear before Christ some day to give an account of our life's work while here upon this earth.

Let us do more for Christ's church by example as well as precept, that we may establish the church in the hearts of everyone. Let us not be ashamed to own Christ as our Savior, for He died on the cross that we might live again.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION
By J. B. Lehman

THE CHAIN OF GOD

Every movement of good has an antecedent of good without which it could not be. Practically every fundamental principle of righteousness we know today had its seed-thought in what was said to Adam when God first began to deal with man. Without that Abraham could not have given the Characters of sublime faith; without Abraham, Isaiah could not have given the Characters of the Golden age; and without Isaiah Christ could not have given the world His wonderful revelation of truth.

We can see this truth verified in the movements of our day. Without the teachings of Paul, Lincoln could never have issued his Emancipation Proclamation; and without the lesson of emancipation we could never have gained prohibition, we could not think of outlawing war. We progress step by step. One step always leads to another. He who does good has no idea how far reaching it is.

An interesting illustration comes to mind here. About 1886 a representative of the Southern Christian Institute spoke in Angola, Indiana. An appeal was made to aid a worthy Negro boy. A girls’ circle decided to undertake it. Mrs. Lehman, then Ethie Burlingame, was one of them; Georgia Kinney, later Mrs. Pres. Miner Lee Bates and Emily K. nay, later Mrs. Grant K. Lewis, were others. The boy selected was King R. Brown. It is interesting to follow the chain.

K. R. Brown became a prominent minister. His daughter, Celeste, later graduated and married Zach H. Howard who became a minister. Their children, Odessa, Zella, Oneida and Johnny all came to the S. C. I. and are doing good work. Brother Brown’s second daughter, Rose, graduated and has become a useful field worker. His daughter Anna married a minister and is doing good work. His granddaughters, Annita, graduated at the S. C. I. and fitted herself for good work.

After aiding the boy, King Brown, a call came to Mrs Lehman and myself to come into the work where we have spent thirty-nine years. Mrs. Miner Lee Bates had the privilege to aid in putting Miss Odessa and Miss Zella Howard through Hiram. Mrs. Grant K. Lewis had the privilege of seeing Grant K. Lewis administer these schools.

The S. C. I. has seen scores and scores of young people go out to useful work. Mr. W. W. Blackburn, Assistant State Superintendent of Negro Education, a few days ago wrote: “Let me thank you for the very excellent article you sent for the last issue of the Journal.” Too, may I tell you that already several have written me saying, how much they enjoyed reading it.

“Your telling of the conversation with the old man, hit the spot. Your school is sending out into the world a much different class of young people. I have yet to find the S. C. I. graduate who will refuse to talk out in Church or Sunday School.”

“The Christian Plea” is a distinct link in this chain. Elder K. R. Brown started the Gospel Plea and then asked me to take it. The old Gospel Plea went far and wide into the homes of white people and Negro people and laid the foundation for much that is being done now. “The Christian Plea” a descendant of the Gospel Plea now has a most outstanding opportunity if only we can see it.

And look at the Missionary enterprises. If we take what is raised at the S. C. I. the J. C. I. and P. C. I: and at those churches that are ministered to by those trained at one of the schools and the Louisville Bible School, we have the bulk of all we are raising for missions.

But there is one thing we lack yet. We have not yet learned to love each other and be helpful to each other. Many a difficulty could be ironed out if we would seek to be helpful to each other. The Negro Disciples of Christ, though small in numbers, have an opportunity that is not surpassed by any others. If only we could move as a unit, if only we could have a vision of What we could do. The chain is not complete yet. Other links are yet to be forged. May the spirit of God lead us on to see what we can do.

ORIGINAL POEM
Dedicated to Prof. J. B. Lehman

(Concluded from Feb. 15th Issue)

When the king of sports was asked of his “Walls” His people and state to save, He points to his men who obey his calls Saying “These are my walls, they are brave.”

So when the muse of history calls Professor Lehman to attest his power. He can point to his students as his walls He has built for his strong tower.

Up from the Southland into the North As feathers from Grandma’s goose, These daughters and sons of Ham go forth You find them in West and East.

And many have followed the “Booker T. Plan” “Let the buckets down where you are,” For it isn’t the clime that makes the man Nor the flowery fields afar.

One ship sails east another west By the selfsame winds that blow It’s not the gate but the set of the sail That determines the way you go.

And now o’er the three score line my man Journeys on past the noon of his day, May he still be led by that kindly hand Till he gets to the “End of the way.”

C. H. DICKERSON,
446 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.
Jan. 25th, 1929.

A PROGRAM FOR WORKER’S CONFERENCE

(Concluded from Feb. 15th Issue)

Superintendent Presiding—Time 7:00 O’clock.

1. Silence.

2. Call to Worship.

Supt.—So then, my beloved, even as ye have always, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling—Philippians 2:12.

Worker—For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work for His god pleasure—Philippians 2:13.

3. Song.

Work for the night is coming.
Work through the morning hours,
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun,
Work in the glowering sun,
Work for the night is coming,
When man’s work is done.

Supt.—Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God.—2 Timothy 1:8.

Workers—So built we the wall; “For we,” said unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God.—2 Timothy 1:8.

4. That’s the Prayer (The Supt. leading).

5. Song.

I need Thee every hour, Most Gracious Lord,
No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.

Refrain:
1. I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee,
O bless me now, my Saviour, I come to Thee.

(a) Reading the Minutes last meeting.
not once, but consecutively until results are secured.

Such a survey is sometimes irksome. One deals with detail. It is not easy. All this is true. In the story of the ninety and nine, a survey showed ninety-nine safe and one was lost. The shepherd searched. It wasn’t easy. It wasn’t a pink tea affair. This business of winning souls to Christ comes high. It’s not easy, but it’s great.

Someone has said, “The most expensive piece of church furniture is an empty pew.” The second item in the Pre-Eastern program is “Stir the Church.” A stirring, amounting to nothing short of a revival, is needed in church attendance. Many members have lost their conscience on this. They have a listless unconcern. Sermons, not one but several, are needed in the early part of the pre-Eastern season, calling the members to a loyalty to the House of God and a devotion to the Lord’s Table.

Count those present. Check the names against the church roll. Send our letters and visitors to the absent. Ask them to be present the next Sunday. Observe an “Every Member Present” month. Order tracts on “church attendance.” Distribute these each week.

If your congregation has 50 per cent of the members present any Sunday for any service, you have about the average. A count and check gives a startling revelation sometimes. We think we have a bigger average than we do. When you count and check, you get at the facts.

One of the solutions to the church attendance problem is a rich worship service when people are fed and filled. A banquet table has something on it to eat, and it provides fellowship.

When people come to church, let the church prove that which will nourish the soul and furnish a fellowship to Christ that helps.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
(Concluded from Feb. 16th Issue)

We may well expect adverse criticisms—they just will come inspite of all we can do; however, it is to be regretted that they come too frequently from those who are either uninformed or mis-informed; then of course, there are always those who always seek frivolous excuses to evade responsibilities. We should permit none of these to hinder us in our effort or hamper “The Christian Plea” in its Mission of service to the churches. Let us do our duty inspite of the “knockers.” Talk, the right kind, is needed, but talk alone will not suffice—We must be “doers of the word.”

Let every minister, even as brothers, Preston Taylor, J. B. Lehman, B. C. Calvert and K. R. Brown take the initiative in placing “The Plea” in the hands of members and friends.

The ministers owe “Church publicity” to the success of their efforts and programs; get readers for the paper by sending in subscriptions, get publicity for your church by sending in your local “news items.” We haven’t but one church paper seeking the patronage of all of our churches, let us support it!

“The Christian Plea” is as good as it is today because of those who love the work to the extent of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Many have given, some out of the abundance of their poverty! Have you done your bit? Have you paid your subscription? Have you gotten a friend to subscribe? Have you made a gift large or small to “The Christian Plea Fund”? Have you boosted your paper? Have you sent in your suggestions or criticisms to the Editor? Have you written an article for publication touching on some needed phase of our church work? Have you personally sent in, or seen to your local church news items being sent in for publication? This is the way to HELP “The Christian Plea,”—“Just keep on keeping on” until you right every wrong, this is a fine way to prove your loyalty to the Christ, to His church and its agencies!

GOAL NUMBER THREE

Our National Apportionment $10,000
For 1928-29

We accept (as we invariably do, as far as acceptance goes), $10,000 as our quota or share of the world’s work. This is $6,000 less than our apportionments have been for two previous years, however this amount does not include “The Christian Plea”, which comes before the churches as a “special appeal” for this year.

How about our goal of $10,000, have we kept our eyes on it? Regardless of “our intentions” to do perfectly wonderful things as yest we are far short of our goal with more than half of our church year gone and less than one third of our goal realized.

It seems that we are to experience another shameful failure unless this matter gets more attention from the pulpits, the officiary, the membership, and more loyal support, in the terms of dollars and hundreds of dollars, from every church in the entire brotherhood.

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PIEDMONT CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

MRS. ODESSA HOWARD WHITE, Reporter, Martinsville, Va.

After closing a reasonably successful first semester, we are well up into the second, with a slight increase in enrollment. In an effort to gain recognition from the Virginia Board of Education an attempt is being made to follow the state course of study and to employ only those teachers whose qualifications are up to the standard. The future of Piedmont Christian Institute looks brilliant to those of us who are hopeful. Located as it is, in a town in which no public high school is maintained, it has unusual possibilities for growth and influence.

The present Senior class is composed of six promising young people; while next year's class—if all goes well—will be made up of eighteen energetic boys and girls. Athletic activities of the institution are greatly hampered, due to a lack of a gymnasium and playground facilities. The social side of the institution is well taken care of by the various class and club organizations.

The senior class was responsible for bringing the male quartette of A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina, to us on the night of January 11th. The entire town seemed to value the wonderful privilege which was ours and turned out in numbers large enough to fill our auditorium to its capacity. An outstanding member of the appreciative audience was Mayor Brown of Martinsville.

The Junior class has had a sock social which furnished pleasure as well as finance for class activities. On the 7th of January it also had an interesting "Tea" which was a slight variance from the usual routine.

The Junior and Senior classes are working on class plays which they plan to stage within the next few weeks. A group of enthusiastic faculty and students availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy "Aide" during Grand Opera season in Greensboro.

The Alumni Association of Piedmont Christian Institute is doing some very appreciable service. It recently closed a popularity contest, the proceeds of which will be used to help definite improvement of the school.

The Church here is wondrously fortunate in having as its leader a large group of wide-awake young folk. The Christian Club (composed of the young people of the Church) helps to hold the interest of its members. It plans a Lemon Party for Friday night, February 15th, which promises to be an unique affair. Just now all efforts in Church and school are turned upon a $250 rally which the Church will hold on the last Sunday in February.

The Women's Missionary Circle had a rare treat for us on the night of January 31st, in the form of a Wedding Fifty Years Ago. The entire audience agreed that it was a cleverly arranged program both as to costume and preparation.

We are still on the map and struggling to attain our ideals. You will hear from us again at some future date.

FROM MIAMI VALLEY

NORWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
DAYTON, OHIO

Elder Wm. M. Owens, Pastor
Mrs. B. H. Johnson, Reporter

Elder William M. Owens, a former pastor of the Central Christian Church of Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted the Wood Christian Church at Dayton, Ohio. He has been serving for two months.

He is a "live wire," and is doing a great work here. We feel greatly encouraged because the church is lining up as never before. He is a splendid young man and we are looking forward to great achievements this year.

It is especially encouraging to have the pastor's wife line up with us to help us put our program over. She has wonderful musical talent and aside from helping out in this respect, will doubtless mean much to our Missionary work.

The pastor is putting forth every possible effort to get all delinquent members back into "the fold." We are especially anxious to conserve our membership as well as add new ones. Thus far, we have had several additions.

Miss Buckner is Superintendent of our Bible School and Sister France is the Elementary Superintendent. Our School is doing some splendid work.

On February 3rd, we had our big financial rally. Our goal was $800.00. We did not quite reach it, but felt that our efforts could not be called a failure as we raised $600.00.

The pastor preached the morning sermon and Rev. Swall, (the white Christian Minister), preached the afternoon sermon. He endeavored to show us just what our duties as Christians and members of the church were. We are thankful for his cooperation and message.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Elder J. B. Parsons, Pastor
Miss Anna E. Gilmore, Reporter

The close of last year found us very proud of the fact that we only owed $500.00 on our church.

Our church work is getting along nicely. The membership is divided into Clubs and Groups which produces splendid results both financially and spiritually and it keeps up interest.

We were glad to have the Union Thanksgiving service at our church. Our pastor preached the Union Christian's sermon.

The Bible School is beginning to progress. The attendance and interest is improving. This, we believe, is a hopeful sign. We are making some very definite plans to increase the interest; For instance: We are getting a lot of splendid ideas from our Elementary's talks in "The Plea" and we are planning some new things. Especially are we planning to use the Missionary story after the lesson Period; We are also making some definite plans for Decision Day. The writer, Mrs. Gilmore, is the Superintendent, Elder J. W. Damel who has taught in Lincoln University for more than a quarter of a century, and our former pastor for a number of years, is assistant Superintendent and one of our able teachers.

Sister Queeny Mayberry is leading our Missionary Society on to victory. We have had a number of interesting and inspiring programs. It may be of interest to others as well as the societies of the state to know that we have paid one half of our state apportionment and expect to pay every cent of our entire apportionment.

Our last month's meeting was at the home of Sister Ella D. Morris, our Chairman of the Program Committee. At the conclusion of the program we were served a most delicious lunch by Sister Morris. This was most enjoyable.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is doing such splendid work and is paying it's state obligations. It has observed C. E. Day with a program and a special financial effort for National apportionments.

We find a lot of valuable suggestions in Brother V. G. Smith's articles and feel proud to have him with us in the state of Missouri and pastoring a neighboring church. We also use the C. E. Guide.

We are making an appeal to the youth of the Church and City and are endeavoring to place before them ample inducements to live "The Christ Life".

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE
CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

HOW TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By SISTER SUETTA JOHNSON,
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Madame President Co-Workers and Friends:
A. What can our W.M. Society do to increase its membership?
B. What can I do?

This subject is a very important one. One that I fear I cannot treat justly. Yet I am too glad to say a few words as we learn by doing.

I am interested in Missionary work and willing to do whatever I can to make this great work a success. First, we who make up our Missionary Society are examples for others to follow. There are things we can do to increase our membership. Then there are things we can do to keep them away as well.

Do not make careless remarks about those who do not seem to be interested in your Missionary Society. We may say that they are selfish, worldly or indifferent. This is not always true. It is up to us to let our lights shine so brightly that these uninlisted women may be touched. Let them know that you have a great aim in view and need their cooperation.

Since it was by woman that sin came into the world, it should be her business to help conquer it by winning souls for Christ.

The woman who does not belong to the Missionary Society may not understand what we are trying to do. Let them know what our work stands for and what it means to be interested in the work. Prove to them that we are going upward, lifting as we climb.

When visitors come to our meetings we should interest them with the spiritual side, as well as in the social period. I believe that we should begin our meetings on time, so those who may come in as visitors will not become worried and we ourselves lose interest in the meetings. Have them know that you are glad to have them and the society appreciates whatever little they can do for the benefit of their Missionary work.

This may interest them enough to come back again. And again, finally they will join the Society and become excellent workers in this great field of labor. There are some women who would be glad to serve if we use them in a way that they can help. Some can sing, others can do different things. There are women who can pray wonderfully well. We can all learn to pray, in our local society.

Some do not attend our meetings because they are embarrassed when called upon. No doubt some plans could be made by the leaders to help these women encourage them in every way possible. Assure them that they can do, if they only have confidence in themselves. It may be a fine idea to let them be responsible for a certain work in our local society where we are all at home. Then, when they become more familiar with the work, they will love the work of the Society. If we increase the attendance of our local societies we are sure to increase the Membership of our District Meetings.

Plan your meetings so that they will be interesting to all from the highest Educator to the most uninformed. Have patience with them who do not seem to be interested in Missionary work. It has been said that there are some who were so glad to learn of the Christ that they spent two hours each day speaking to others about their souls. Therefore let us not grow impatient. For we must put over the great program for the Master.

It is our duty as Missionary women to visit those who do not belong to the Missionary Society. Talk with them personally about the people in other parts of America. In India and other parts of the world, let us know the needs so well that our hearts overflow. Their hearts are just as tender as our own. Some of them will become members of the Society.

Give these uninlisted women your real friendship. Make it convenient to go by their homes and ask them to come to the Missionary Meetings with you, and then let us make them welcome. Let them know that you really care for them deep down in your hearts.

Then corner the question what can I do to increase the membership of the Missionary Society? Each individual or member has her share of work to do in getting members into the Society.

First, I must be sincere in the work before I can influence others.

Second. I can help make our meetings interesting and inviting to those who have not yet enlisted.

Third. I can speak to some one about our Missionary meetings, trying to make them feel the need of their support.

Fourth. I can pray in behalf of those who do not belong, visit their homes, talk with them personally, or write to them. Always proving to be a friend to them even though they are indifferent.

Fifth. I can show others that I am interested in my society myself.

Sixth. I can read that I might be informed, and be able to answer questions concerning the Missionary work.

Seventh. I can pay my monthly dues, and other funds so that my Society will not be in the arrears and attractive to others.

Eighth. I can do my best in my service to the church to show the real need of the world for Christ. I am sure if every woman of the Missionary Society would do her part in increasing the membership it would not be long until most every uninlisted woman would see the light of a new day in her life and willingly offer her membership.

"Stir me, Oh stir me Lord, I care nor how, But stir my heart with passion for the world, Stir me to go—to give—but most to pray; Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled, O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie, O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high. 

Stir me, stir even me. Thyself wait stirred, By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst give, Thine only Son, Thy best beloved One, Even to the cruel cross that I might live. Stir me to give myself so back to Thee, That Thou canst give Thyself again through Me."

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

By Maude M. Jackson, Oxmoor Christian Church, Oxmoor, Alabama

To the ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

Stewardship is one of the most important teachings of the Bible; it is simply a Christian's responsibility to God for his life. Yet the practice of stewardship is one of the hardest things to teach. Why? Because of the training which people have received in the past. Most people have not taken stewardship seriously. The time has come for Christians to actually practice stewardship. As strange as it may seem, a minister can talk on any subject and get a hearing from his members but when he comes to the subject of a Christian's duty and his money, they do not hear.

We sometimes say that a man judges the value of an object by the price he pays for it, that being true, some most evidently do not value the church very highly because they give less to it than they give for other things.

What is stewardship? Is it a New Method of getting money out of people? (Please turn to Page 8, Column 2.)
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

By Mrs. Susan W. Offutt,
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I wish an explanation be made through the columns of “The Christian Plea”, giving a reason for the omitting of the “Future Work Committees” report of the Woman’s Missionary Society in the Minutes of the Chicago Convention, (August 1928).

I did not have the report of the Future Work Committee. I asked the secretary of said committee for the report, immediately after it was read in the convention, but she refused to give it to me, saying that there were some corrections to be made and that she would take report home, rewrite, and send to me real soon. I wrote her twice asking for the report, but to this day I haven’t had a word from her.

I was advised by our past president not to send minutes until I secured the report, but Brother V. G. Smith urged me to send what I had and that he would write for the report of the Committee as I was holding him up. I then sent what I had.

I felt that this explanation was necessary as the report of the Future Work Committee to me is of vast importance in our work.

TO MISSISSIPPI BIBLE SCHOOLS

By L. R. Garrison,
State Supt.

TO THE BIBLE SCHOOLS OF MISSISSIPPI:

It is fully decided that the Bible School will hold its Convention in Jackson, Miss., in July, 1929. This in no way violates the Constitution.

The motion which was made at Mound Bayou, for the two Conventions to meet at the same time and place, was prefixed with the understanding that as the Sunday School Convention was already set, it would go ahead and the great Union would be in 1930.

We know our Convention is a democratic Missionary organization and we do not make iron clad laws for the membership, nor for its leaders; We do not have a Pope. In the Christian Church we make our plans and cooperate in our efforts to build up the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

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TIMELY EVANGELISM
By G. D. SERRILL
(Reproduced)

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No matter how much we know, if we cannot pass it on with some warmth of feeling, it will register little. A big brain and a big heart should go together. A life must be on fire itself if it would kindle a flame in another’s soul. The greatest need of our time is for a fervent evangelism which will love so warmly that it will literally fuse our hearts into sympathetic contact with fallen humanity.

Evangelism to sway individuals and multitudes must be expectant. Our faith largely determines our fervor. We will never get results until we expect them. We must be on tiptoe with expectancy. We cannot secure converts, nor would we know what to do with them if we did receive them, unless we actually wanted them and expected them sufficiently to prepare for them. A young minister came to one of the greatest soul-winning preachers the world has ever known and complained because he had so few converts. The older man looked at the younger man, and said, “You certainly don’t expect converts at service, do you?” “No, of course not,” replied the other. “That is just why you don’t have them” was the curt reply. We must all plead guilty to something of the same lack of expectancy.

The unconverted will respond to expectancy. We must believe in them, we must see the good in them, we must love them, and we must expect them to come to the Master. They will be much more inclined to step out toward us and toward our Jesus if we make them feel that we actually expect them—and then the joy that passes understanding will be ours and theirs.

Evangelism to be timely must be enduring. It must show results in our own lives and characters, if we would inspire others. In formational evangelism, through our church schools, it must show enduring results in the formation of habits of thought and life in our boys and girls. In reformational evangelism, through the conversion of those grown older, in our regular work and through special campaigns, it will show transformed lives that are marvelous in the sight of the Lord. Such evangelism will endure in levenging the whole social lump. It will lighten the dark industrial corners with the gospel. It will reach the last and least of the earth with the heavenly principle of the Golden Rule. It will never be satisfied until it has reached the uttermost parts of the earth with the message of peace and good will. Timely evangelism, after all, is timeless, because it builds for eternity.

Because the work is more difficult today, because of changing conditions and shifting emphases, is no reason for discouragement or despondency. The greater the task the greater the challenge.

If the early apostles had quitted, where would the gospel story be today? If we disciples of today quit, where will the gospel message be tomorrow? “How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!”

Artists have painted the head of Jesus with a halo, but that is due to their imagination. The greatest halo around his head is the glory of great work in human redemption. And yet that completion depends upon us. No wonder Jesus could say, in his great intercessory prayer: “The glory thou has given unto me, I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as we are one.” If we as a people, have an effective evangelism today, it is because, to some degree at least, we have the spirit and the message of our Master.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
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The Expenditures of the United Christian Missionary Societies for 1928-29 as indicated by their spending budget for this period is $1,861,502. Even though this may seem a very large sum of money for the church, it scarcity is sufficient to adequately care for the work. It is imperative that our gifts be increased.

There are approximately 500 churches in the Brotherhood with 450 ministers (reported) and a constituency of over 50,000; all of whom should be seriously concerned with vital phases of our church life and work this year. One phase of our work is $10,000 which we are requested to raise.

Your apportionments represent YOUR share of the world’s work allotted to you; you are depended upon to give this amount to successfully carry forward the program of the year. Failure, on your part means failure elsewhere, and eventual retribution somewhere along the line. Trees are known by the fruit they yield: men and churches are known by their works. Luke begins his account of the Acts of the Apostles with these words: “These things Jesus both to do and teach.”

Let us do more and “talk” less!

Local church and its departments are asked to contribute a definite sum (as stated in pamphlets sent out to the Bible Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies by the Brothcrs and Sisters of the Women’s Missionary Societies by Brother P. H. Moss, and to the Churches and The Woman’s Missionary Societies by Sister Rosa Brown Grubb), which if done, will assure victory.

With increased effort on our part to measure up to our outstanding opportunities and meet the challenge of the hour, there surely will come added privileges and larger opportunities for service. Keep your eyes on the goal and “pass up” the side shows on the road!
The Disciples in the Heart of Life Today

(Reproduced)

A good many faint hearts think that a body such as the Disciples can make no headway today. It is a confused world and we are rasped by clang of commerce and babel of tongues as we aim to push along on the road of life.

A story of conditions, however, will convince us that there is not as much confusion as seems. Everybody to be sure is crying his wares, for it is hard to get attention. That is why we take to institutions and seek ways that will "bulk large." That is why we think we must have such strong organizations and well arranged machines. Who can get attention, or make spiritual headway in a land when the people have made more than $90,000,000,000, in one twelve months, with the tides of making rising higher each year? Who can be seen or felt in a society whose automobile registry runs into the millions? Last year 4,630,000 machines were turned out. What a whirr of wheels as these new cars race along our levelled and paved highways. Who can sit still for an hour at church when the clouds are calling, the sunshine wooing, the road beckoning—all nations trumpeting?

Religion is the still small voice of the Infinite, the quiet lash of eternal seas on the shores of time heard only when it is still. "Be still and know that I am God." Can such religion live at all in such a condition? Can an organization like the Disciples, who have not the traditions and poetry of age, nor the prestige of long standing in the world, get a hearing and do good? We like people who know how to play the game and who are old enough to have a yester-day. The Disciples are not very old and have no great commanding ecclesiastical institutions to dazzle and overwhelm the age.

But if the church census can be relied upon the Disciples are not only holding their own but increasing very rapidly. That the membership has increased five or six hundred per cent in the last hundred years must go far toward answering the observations mentioned. We may not have the zeal and abandon of pioneer days, but we are going and growing as the addition of 56,939 new members last year attests. That 1,629,883 people find their spiritual nourishment in the doctrines preached and the truth taught proves their worth. So great a number would make a vast astonishing array if collected together in one place. They would constitute a city almost as large as Philadelphia. But the people are all the more important and useful to society because they are scattered among the people of the nation. And that is the chief test we would make—service and not numbers.

We believe the Disciples to be of more service in the kingdom of God today than at first. They work for movements and measures and things sorely needed in the Christian world. With few exceptions, they will not budge from their position that the Bible is a divine revelation and that it makes the will of God known to the human race. It is the message of God to the human soul. In this age when naturalism is so clamant and many of the philosophers and scholars of the time are drifting back to the theism and pantheism of the 18th century there should be a clear, strong, convincing voice insisting that God has spoken definitely to his people through proph-ets and apostles, and especially in these latter days through Jesus Christ his Son. The Bible is the record of their inspiration and shows the footsteps of God across many ages. Above all it convinces us that God is in the world and that his will is the active force in progress and life.

The Disciples insist that the New Testament is a sufficient rule of faith and practice by which a church may be built and guided. No people can offer a greater thing than that. To keep the New Testament in the supreme place in the religious life is to do a supreme thing. If it were to be lost or to fall into disuse or to be so managed that it would be disbelieved, it is impossible to measure the extent and density of the moral darkness that would fall upon the mind of the race. We are advocates of the New Testament and deny that any other book is on a par with it.

The Disciples also have a special service to render in insisting upon the fact that Christ is Lord of all. We respect the thoughts of philosophers and the findings of science, but they cannot take the place of Christ who is all and in all. We believe in learning, but the New Testament shows us the way of salvation. In a world of science we need Jesus Christ to satisfy the heart and to explain life, death, and the Great Beyond.

We shall always go astray in our thinking and in our lives unless we think of the universe in terms of personality, instead of in terms of law. We preach the reign of Christ instead of the reign of law. This lifts all life above mere mechanism and materialism and touches it with the divine and eternal. The people who stand for that unquestionably have a mission because they will help to keep humanity from drifting back into the muck and degredation of worldliness.
SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS
By BESSIE E. CHANDLER, 
Elementary Supt.

"The World moves forward on the feet of little children."

VI. LESSON PERIOD—PROFESSIONAL WORK
We are fast realizing the need of hand work and expression period in the Church School as well as in the Public Schools. The following statement was made by a noted writer in regards to handwork in the church school:

"With more and more study of the relation of activity to the learning process and with a better understanding of children, however we have come to think of activity as not limited to the muscles of the hand, but as employing the whole Personality of the child. Instead of ginning a season for not having handwork, we now are called upon to give our reasons for using it. In other words, what we are seeking is the development of all-rounded personalities and the most effective means of developing them."

With this outstanding statement I am sure every conscientious children's worker will introduce and carry out the idea of handwork or project work in the Church School. There are several outstanding reasons for the use of manual education as a part of religious education:

1. To afford an outlet for Physical Energy.—In our first article we considered the physical characteristics of the child from 4 to 12 years, finding him restless and overflowing with energy. Their little muscles are fairly aching to give expression to their ideas or thought he gained from the lesson his knowledge of this thing will last far longer and make a deeper impression.

2. To maintain interest.—Again we give opportunity for them to give expression to make things. The instinct to create is found in all of them so it can be satisfied.

3. To ensure study of the lesson—fruitful study when we hope to lead the children to further study that will give him pleasure when the child in his home study or classroom work has made something he is proud of, he glows with the results of this achievement. He sees the results of this achievement and thus feels its value, as a result he will give better attention and time to his church school.

4. To fix ideals.—There is an old saying "What goes in at the eye must come out at the muscles". This saying is true of the child in the elementary department. If he is permitted to draw, model, make or express in some way the ideas or thought he gained from the lesson his knowledge of this thing will last far longer and make a deeper impression.

With these reasons for Handwork we can readily see its great value in the church school. The handwork may be free hand drawing, tearing, cutting, modeling, or poster making. Posters for each season, missionary posters, health posters, lesson posters. The Junior children may make booklet to use along with the lesson story.

Our little muscles are fairly aching to give expression to their ideas or thought he gained from the lesson his knowledge of this thing will last far longer and make a deeper impression.

We are placing special emphasis on the expressional work this year. It is our hope that every elementary worker will introduce it in their church school.

INASMUCH
By PATRICK H. MOSS

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

Then shall the righteous answer him saying, "Lord when saw we thee? And when saw we thee sick, and took thee in or naked and clothed thee? And when saw we thee in prison, and came unto thee?"

And the King shall answer and say unto them, "Verily I say unto you, IN AS MUCH as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto Me."

MAT. 25: 36-40.

Dare we forget the 182 aged and disabled soldiers; the 202 widows of military men and their families, and 14 aged Missionary veterans on Resurrection Sunday? These pioneers gave themselves in the early days to clearing away the brush and breaking of the new soil. They were our first line of defense. Now shadows are falling, the evening comes on, dare we forget or neglect them as they pass slowly out of life?

If you should stop to count across twelve years, you would find that more than twenty-four of our group have passed out of mortal sight. Some of their widows are still with us. Your gift on Easter Sunday will help and cheer them. Inasmuch as you do this for the least, you have done it unto Him.

Yes, we call them the FIRST line of defense: What about the SECOND line of defense—those young people that will be and should be in the Summer Young People's Conference, the Magnolia, Edwards, Miss., Mid-West, Kansas City, Kans., and Southwest, Hawkins, Texas? These are camps of training for the Second Line of defense; they must take our places.

"What can I spare? we say.
Aht this and this
From mine array
I am not like to miss;
And here crumbs to feed some hungry one;
They do but grow a Cumbiance on my shelf,
And yet one reads, Our Father gave
His Son,
Our Master gave Himself."

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH
By V. G. SMITH

IV.—THE CHURCH SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

The class or department of the church school should have all officers from the group except the instructor. A president to preside over the business meetings each Sunday and to act as chairman of the Executive Committee, is the first officer. A secretary to keep the minutes of the meetings, to issue orders on the treasury, to keep up with the attendance record, to report absences and set in motion the machinery to reclaim negligent members and gain new ones, is next in importance. The treasurer should be responsible for funds turned over to him, pay out money on an order from president and secretary, give an accurate financial statement of the department or class and to set in motion machinery to make and raise the organization's budget. All of these should have assistants as vice-president, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

The secretary should be chairman of the Membership Committee and the treasurer chairman of the Finance Committee. The teacher or teachers are appointed...
THE FINAL OUTCOME DEPENDS ON YOU, NOT ON WHAT SOMEONE DOES TO YOU

“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.”

The real test of any individual, nation or race comes when they got to the place where they are free to act and commence to see visions of service. Especially when others begin to hinder them and make their task difficult does their real test come. The measure is not what others do to them, but what they will do to reach their goal. If they violate the fundamental principles uttered by Christ they will be a long time on the way, or maybe they will never reach the goal. No man ever reached a great eminence except by overcoming difficulties that others could not overcome; and yet doing nothing resentful or hateful. Abraham Lincoln went through a fiery furnace of opposition and hatred that would have crushed any lesser man. When he got through safely we began to make him almost superhuman. The whole world now looks upon Lincoln as its greatest human hero.

In looking over the Negro press and Negro literature we find an immense amount that will stand the test and will help the race to higher things; but there is much that makes us tremble. It bears the marks very plainly of saying “We are going to trash them into line, we are going to be ruthless to those that have been unjust to us.” This course will not win any goal. Christ wants us to take for granted that those who are yet in the toils of sin will do bad things and that we are set to help them to higher ground, if we are more mature than they are. We recently took down a book, a novel, by a noted Negro writer. We did not read far till we said, “Surely, this man is not a Christian. He has lost his faith in Christianity, or he would not approach the problem in that spirit, no matter how bad others had been.” His method cannot win out if Christ is true.

Some of the things the white people have done to the Negro in slavery and since that time are not defensible on the principles of Christianity. But that does not justify unchristian methods to overcome them. He who does an indefensible thing puts himself lower than I am, if I am doing right, and I gain an immense advantage over him in that way. If the Christian Negroes would see the opportunity God is giving them now to step up on higher ground than those who are doing unChristian things, they could do an outstanding work that would live down the ages as Abraham’s work has lived. If he had hesitated to whip the Sodomites into line for their meanness we would not now know that there was an Abraham. But he did not do that. He just stepped up on the higher ground that the Sodomites did not see and now his name is immortal. Those white people who are doing the unjust things can not possibly hold their own against those who step up on higher ground. No race of people ever had a finer opportunity than the American Negro now has. He can easily be the deciding factor in our struggle for better things for the world. But many of the present day leaders do not see this and with hammer and tongs they are going after what they want.

The Disciples of Christ have taken their Negro constituents in on an equality in principle. Some of the details are not worked out because of some people whose prejudices are yet unconquered. It lies very largely in the Christian Negroes to work this out to a great triumph. Suppose the year book would show that our Negro churches had averaged larger giving, suppose their WMS would show more constructive work done, suppose they would show more adequate effort at educating Christian leaders for their children, suppose they should begin to make sacrifices to help to save those white people who are yet in the bonds of prejudices, suppose they would show more faith in God to work out their salvation, suppose they would show a finer fruit, what would the future be? You say that is too much to expect? Not at all. The Negro was the first race that was met at the door of freedom by the missionary school. The training they got at the hands of those who made a sacrifice to aid them should make them capable to do the very things we have mentioned.

When Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs comes to you, help her to win such a victory. When Patrick H. Moss comes to you look upon it as a door of opportunity. When Patrick H. Moss comes to you look upon him as bringing to you God’s opportunity. Do it and God will give you the blessing.

FROM THE BANKS OF THE OLD KENTUCKY

“The Flanner House Man”

There are pyramids built and monuments reared
To the men who make things go,
Who’ve hazarded Life and all they had
In the face of the Sullen foe,
And God forbid that the time should come
When Heroes strong and brave,
Shall never in Life hear the words
“Well done”
So often rebuked at the grave.

Some men have greatness due to their birth
Some upon them it is thrust;
Still others achieve it by dint of worth
They labor and toil and trust.
Among the chicks in whose “Crops
were sand”
As the fowl fancheers would say,
Is the Bird we now call the “Flanner
House Man”?

Who “flew the coop” and got away.

He’s a Bourbon Boy from “Old Rain-
tuck”
Near Old Cane Ridge Meeting Ground,
The Brotherhood knows that his push and pluck
Is making our world go round.
He’s a New Castle, Berea Hiram Man
With an Indianapolis touch
Was winner in every race he ran
And the world hasn’t many such.

In one’ed home place the proverb claims
No honor to man can come,
But there are exceptions in every game
Kentucky is Henry’s home.
And yet anywhere in this dear old state
The mention of Herod’s name,
Will fill the house from yard to gate
And in other states its the same.

My man never tells of the deeds he has wrought
Nor hears a letter writes,
Nor how he has won in battles fought
Where only the giants fight.
I have my say while he’s in his prime
He’s a preacher and that first rate,
To find one better you’ll search for a time
And over many a state.

Convention man from his hat to his heels
He knows her from center to side
Happy, content and safe you feel
When the hand of a Herod guides;
And should my friend never write a book
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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA Page Three
SOME OBSERVATIONS

The 1928 Year Book of the Disciples of Christ shows some very interesting things about "Missionary Giving" from the Negro churches and auxiliaries. Taking first the statistical side:

There are 375 churches counting out the East North Carolina group that does not come under the "giving" side of our co-operative efforts. Taking into account certain churches reported but disbanded that I know of, I would substract about 20% or 75 churches, leaving 300. Of these 300, 68 gave something for Missions.

Number of schools giving $12.50 to $25.00 19
Number of schools giving $25.00 to $50.00 10
Number of schools giving $50.00 or above 11

The totals nearly balance but the manifest error that occurs in ten states and two local societies shows lack of bookkeeping on some one's part. Incidentally the one state that is not quoted didn't give its statistics in the minutes.

Of course, the state reports are due to report on all and only those that report thru it. One can well account for the Year Book excesses since thru the year a missionary offering might be kept up yet there be no representation in the state convention. Yet there is only one way legitimately to account for the 13 more reported in the convention than are in the year book—that is thru the organization of new societies during the months of July and August after the close of the Missionary Year. However such is hardly probable especially when the field secretary of WMS did not know of these new organizations.

Principally these thirteen stray organizations claimed themselves as W. M. S.; they were no such things according to the constitution of such a body. Or some ambitious secretary wanted "My State" to stand out, and reported two or more organizations not in existence, choosing to pay for them rather than "fall down". Missouri had reported in the Year Book—12 societies in the State Minute, 11 societies giving Nationally and 13 societies reporting to state with representation while the National Minute shows fourteen societies. Something is rotten in the Department in question.

Number of schools giving $2 or less 22
Number of schools giving $2 to $5 35
Number of schools giving $5 to $12.00 34
Number of schools giving $12.50 to $25.00 19
Number of schools giving $25.00 to $50.00 10
Number of schools giving $50.00 or above 11

However unlike the Missionary Societies, the Bible School may have autonomy without regular contribution. But on the other hand, the situation is more serious since this organization deals with the character formative years of life. How can the great program of a Christ-saved world be the lesson and still there be no attempt on the part of 88 schools in only 15 states of the twenty-two where there is work conducted to give the Bible School a vital, telling influence in bringing this about thru Missionary Giving?

I dare say half of this giving was to a field secretary. And that means one of the four special days were not one of the four special days were observed and thus the Missionary Education disimminated by these special programs were lost. Without the means of finding out other than influential, I am giving a rather arbitrary classification below.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Mt. Beulah College
Edwards, Miss.

A cast chosen from the two literary societies presented the very popular play “Cranberry Corners” a few nights ago. The characters were very well chosen, and played their parts in a highly professional manner. The audience was quite large, and despite the bad weather, many friends and former students from Jackson, Vicksburg, and the surrounding community were present.

The play was so popular that demands came in from a number of cities to bring it to them. It was impossible to go to the score of places that wanted to see it, but the cast did present it in Jackson, and in Port Gibson.

It was well received in these two places as it was at home, in fact they had several invitations to give it again in other churches of these two cities.

The cast was composed of Carnella Jamison, Henrietta Bradford, Authorine Davis, Cyril Robertson, Burel Lee, George Washington, Jonas Sneed, Portia Lucas, Ardella Moore, Isaac Henderson, Viola Martin, and Emmett Dickson. Edward Brown was property man.

Quite a large group of teachers and students from Piney Woods School visited our campus recently. They were here the entire day, spending a long time in each class of every department of the school. They took very extensive notes as to the best methods of teaching the different subjects, and their Principal spent considerable time in the school office studying our office procedure in matters of registration, classification, and the keeping of records of class work, absences, etc. We would be pleased if more schools and individuals would visit us in this manner, and would be more than glad to take time to explain the modern methods used in our entire school system.

The annual Franklin-Philo baseball game was played recently. The Philosophers won by the score of 8 to 5. It was not at all a decisive win for the Philos, however. Until the last inning it was anybody’s game. The Franklin team was in the lead for the first few innings.

The most important thing revealed by the game was the amount of material which Coach Thomas will have for the season. Practically all of those out for baseball this year are new men. With the first game March 18, with Piney Woods there is not much time for getting into shape of so much new material, but our prospects should not be so bad for the season.

OAKWOOD BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Chicago, Ill.

DR. T. B. LIVINGSTON, Pastor
MRS. ROSA PAGE WELCH, Reporter

Oakwood Boulevard has much to be proud of in the person of the pastor, Elder T. B. Livingstone. His superior cannot be found when it comes to expounding the Word intelligently and with the Christ-like spirit.

He is up to the standard in all phases of church work. Dr. Livingstone possesses the qualities of an efficient and progressive Minister. With his powerful and magnetic leadership, the cooperation of the official board and congregation at large, nothing can hinder the progress and the increase in membership of our church.

No Christian should be content with half doing God’s work. No Christian should do anything to hinder the progress of God’s work; viz., staying at home, knocking the pastor, knocking the different organizations, remaining neutral—neither for, nor against.

No matter how efficient your pastor or leader may be, if there isn’t a cooperative spirit, enthusiasm, a willingness to do (and doing) on the part of each individual follower and especially the co-workers (meaning the officers) he cannot hope for success and progress.

For the past month the different departments of the church have been responsible for Sunday evening programs. February 3rd was “Men’s Night” with Dr. T. J. Brown, A. B., M. A., S., (Editor-in-chief of Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.) as the speaker. February 10th, "Women’s Night" with Mrs. Cynthia Martin, National President, W. M. S., and Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, founder of Fyihlis Wheatley Home as speakers. February 17th Junior Choir program and February 24th will be Young People’s Night.

Brother John Williams, a pioneer member of the Chicago Christian Church, passed away February 6th after an illness of only eight days. His death was a great shock to all. He was one of the finest characters and one of the best loved members of the church. He will be greatly missed. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Maggie Williams and other relatives to mourn his loss.

Mrs. Hattie Tyree is on the road to recovery after undergoing an operation at the Wilson Hospital a few days ago. Brother Ollie Matthews, Sister Spears and Dudley are on the sick list.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Memphis, Tennessee

ELDER B. T. HUNT, Pastor
MISS ESTER LUSTER, Reporter

The C. E., Mr. P. Phillips, President, had a world of fun in an “Old fashioned molasses Candy Pulling” at the president’s residence.

“The Sunshine” Club of the church sent sunshine, thru flowers to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Previously they had brought “Sunshine” to the County Hospital.

Brother Prince A. Gray delivered a gospel message to us Sunday, February 17th.

The Missionary Society, Sister Daniels, president, and Sister Bonner, secretary, had a beautiful wool filled quilt for some lucky person.

The Bible School, M. W. Bonner, Superintendent, expects an increased attendance through the city field work of Sister Lee.

The church is expecting “The Butterflies”, Miss Luster, President, to come out of their cocoons now that Spring is near.


Brother Fred Bracey received the sad intelligence of his mother’s death in San Angelo, Texas.

ELDER B. T. HUNT FETED BY WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women’s Missionary Society of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church entertained the membership recently honoring their pastor, Elder B. T. Hunt, celebrating his sixth anniversary as pastor of the above named church.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

AN OPEN LETTER SENT OUT TO ALL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS

DEAR FRIEND:

It is now time to get ready for the observance of the Easter Week of Prayer. The first aim of this observance should be to deepen the spiritual life, to lift new ideals, to set up a worthwhile purpose for life. Accompanying this letter is a letter from Miss Alma Evelyn Moore presenting the statement "A Life of Purpose" which has been arranged especially for our workers and women. With her — I am asking that you study very carefully this "Life of Purpose", that you sign same if you feel you are willing to make this statement personal and will try to build its ideals into your life. Keep the card for yourself and return it to me the signed stub, care Missionary Organizations Department. Also give estimate of the number which you feel can be effectively used with your group. We will gladly, without cost to you, send the number desired.

The second aim of the Easter observance should be to raise the balance due on apportionment regardless to what that balance is. Of course one more quarter's offering will have to be made but with such an aim it gives a chance effectively used with your group. We will gladly, without cost to you, send the number desired.

As a missionary society we've never made as much of Easter as we should have. If there is ever a season which in its very nature we should have. If there is ever made as much of Easter as is suggested it is Easter. At this time Christ gave His life. We can as disciples afford to make less than a sacrifice. This year we desire to have the Missionary Society challenge every member of the church for an Easter offering. Aim for a Dollar or more from every member and start your personal work in sufficient time to really expect it. Under separate cover I am sending, to facilitate this service, a letter to be signed by you and sent to every member of the church with an Easter offering envelope. There should be a close follow-up on these letters and envelopes.

We are also enclosing a copy of the Easter Week of Prayer service. These are 15¢ per dozen or 85¢ per hundred. Order from this office in sufficient numbers for each member to have a copy. Assured of your cooperation to make this a great Easter, I am yours in His service,

ROSA BROWN GRUBBS

A LIFE OF PURPOSE

(A Statement)

"I cannot live without Christ. I cannot bear to think of men living without Him. I cannot be content to live in a world that is unChristlike. I cannot be idle while the yearning of His heart for His brethren is unsatisfied."

And desiring to bring into my life a deeper sense of the reality of Jesus, and of my own responsibility to Him for my personal service as a witness for Him.

It shall be my purpose:

To spend thirty minutes each day alone with Christ. At least half of this time to be in waiting silence, in heart-searching willingness to see my own faults and in intercession.

To so live that those with whom I come in closest, personal, daily association shall know that since Christ lives in me, I face each day gladly; that they shall find Christ in my voice, actions, attitudes; that they may see Him through my acts of kindness, my patience and humility and in my happy acceptance of each day's duties.

To make my religion natural, wholesome, something for every day use of which I may talk with my friends. To speak of Christ with those with whom I come in contact that they may know Him and love Him — as my Friend.

To give myself unreservedly to some task in the church. To fit myself for this service, not to excuse myself for lack of ability or unfitness, knowing that his church was founded by unlearned, ignorant men who had power because "they had been with Jesus."

To systematize my days so I will have an equitable portion of time to offer Him, not to say "I have not time."

To offer myself to the executive committee of the missionary society and to the pastor of the church as one who will accept a place of responsibility when needed; and to fit myself for such leadership.

To magnify Him—His service, His brethren, His church. To speak only words that will build up, not tear down; to speak in encouragement, not criticism; to support with all my ability, not to wait passively to see if success comes; to be happy and enthusiastic in my loyalty, not loyal from duty only. Remembering always that it is His service, His brethren, His church to be exalted.

A Conference of '29 in '29, watch Magnolia go! A Conference of 59 in '29, watch Southwest go! A Conference of '49 in '29, watch Midwest go!

CLARKSDALE, MISS.

We the Willing Workers Missionary Society of the First Christian Church, Clarksdale Mississippi, regret very much by her members and her a speedy recovery as she is missed is one of the faithful members of the church and Miss James has returned home. She is up and Miss James has returned home.

Rev. B. C. Calvert, pastor of the First Christian Church, Clarksdale Mississippi, is in Danville, Kentucky running a Revival Meeting. He is meeting with success, 3 additions. The members are praying for his success. Mather Brady is on the sick list. She is one of the faithful members of the church a speedy recovery as she is missed very much by her members and First Christian Church. We hope for friends.

Mrs. D. A. Elliott has been on the sick list, and her daughter, Miss Charlotte James of Jackson, Mississippi has been at her bedside. She is up and Miss James has returned home.

D. A. Elliott, Local Reporter.
THE PALO ALTO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ROXIE GREEN, Reporter

A great service was held at the Palo Alto Christian Church on the first Lord's Day in March. Elder C. J. James preached a wonderful sermon. He also preached at the night service and one person came forth in each service and made the good confession. The weather was a little unpleasant, but we had a good crowd both day and night.

The following persons were present at the District Meeting which was held at Johnson Chapel Christian Church, February 22, 23, 24: Elder C. J. James, Prof. S. F. Green, Brother L. H. Petty, Brother Linwood Calvert, Brother James Quinn, Brother Josc Strong, Sister Minnie Quinn, Sister Beatrice Strong, and the writer. A very short session was held and only nine persons turned out. This was the Willing Workers' period.

The Missionary period was Saturday night. Scripture, Romans 16th chapter; Song and prayer by Elder James, business discussed and short session.

On the 24th, Sunday school was omitted. Elder James preached a good sermon. Offering; dismissed for dinner.

At the Young People's Society period with Mr. Theo Quinn as President and Miss Pearl Dean, secretary. The program was brief.

We hope Brother Wiley Thompson who has been on the sick list will soon be up again.

Brother James is trying to be at his post of duty again.

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

Dear Editor and readers of “The Plea”:

Just a word from East Tennessee.

She is now in fine trim. Everything broke fine for a grand and successful year.

On February 26th I was called to Bristol to preach and to ordain a man to the ministry. He was a Baptist minister by the name of G. C. Dyers. He and his wife both came forward and united with the church at Bristol; both are young, and a fine looking couple. I told Rev. Dyers I liked his looks just fine and that there are three things very essential for a successful minister and they are: Preach it, Live it, and Love it. I ordained him on the night of February 28th. The church said they would call him to the pastorate of that church at Bristol.

Rev. Dyers immediately subscribed for "The Christian Plea"

About every church in this part of the state has a pastor; I shall give the name of each: Bristol, Elder G. C. Dyers; Johnson City, Elder S. Kinney; Jonesboro, Elder E. M. Hale; Washington College, Elder S. A. Russell; Rogersville, Elder D. W. Bradley; Knoxville, Elder R. F. Hayes. Isn't this a fine bunch? When Brother Taylor comes to Knoxville he will be surprised; East Tennessee has gone, and says tell Kentucky, Mississippi and Texas to come on.

Sister Parks was delayed on account of illness of her sister. We expect her on the 9th and will report it later.

Don't forget Ministers' relief Easter. Send it to headquarters.

Yours for service,
D. W. BRADLEY, S. B. S., Pres.

FROM THE METROPOLIS OF THE WORLD
(New York City)

St. Stephens Christian Church, 165 W. 131st Street, New York

Elder W. M. Johnson, Pastor

Our work here is moving along nicely. Everyone feels much encouraged. Though few in numbers and young in years, we are looking forward to great progress in the next few months and hope to have one of the outstanding churches of the brotherhood here in the world's largest city.

We were glad to have as recent visitors, Sisters Staples and Murdock of the Baltimore Church. It was a most pleasing surprise. Thank you, sisters, call on us again sometime and invite your friends to visit us. We would be glad to know the names of relatives and friends residing in this city who should be identified with the Church of Christ.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

MRS. VIRGIE L. THOMAS, Reporter

I am indeed sorry to report that Eld. H. L. Hildreth has offered his resignation. He had done a most splendid work in this city. He and his good wife have certainly labored hard for the last eight years to make the success of our efforts to establish a Church of Christ in Evansville.

We can truly say that Brother Hildreth is a plain, gospel preacher a real power in the pulpit; as yet, he is not a decided on his new field of labor, but hopes to locate in the early spring or June. Any congregation would do well to secure the services of this great man of God. Since we cannot hold him we are glad to recommend him to be a loyal, faithful pastor.

He may be reached at 522 McCormick Avenue, Evansville, Indiana.

WOODLAND AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Kansas City, Mo.

ELDER C. E. CRAGGETT, Pastor

MISS ETHEL DYSON, Reporter

The Bible School attendance and offerings have increased considerably as the result of the contest now going on. The adult Bible class is making a fine showing. The teacher is Brother A. G. Norcom.

The play given by the children and young people of the Endeavor Society was well rendered on Sunday evening to a splendid audience. Miss Bessie Chandler directed the play. The offering for Missions was $6.50.

"The Pilot", our church bulletin, starts out on its second year of service for Christ and the Church. Coming as it does, half printed with news items of work through the Missionary Agencies of the church, and with helpful suggestions on life and service for Christ together with local briefs, serves to make it as helpful as any little bulletin published by any of the churches in the country. It serves both general and local. Its Editor is Rev. C. E. Craggett, the pastor.

Thursday evening, February 14th was red letter night for The Willing Workers' Club. It was the close of the trip around the world. Quite a number went on the trip. Luncheon was served in each country. There were ten countries. The goal for this entertainment was $100.00. When all reports were made $104.95 lay on the table. The President is Mrs. Mary Brown.

A number of children attended the valentine party at this church. Mrs. Deets Bray directed the social activities and a lot of fun was had by all who were present.

Mr. Sylvester Allen, Miss Bessie Chandler and the pastor attended a meeting at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church Monday evening, February 18th. The meeting was held to work up interest for the great Endeavor Convention to be held here in July.

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THE DISCIPLES IN THE HEART OF LIFE TODAY
(Reproduced)

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The Disciples are especially needed in this age because of their moral helper and reformers in every community where they exist. A man said "I want to see a Christian preacher come to this community. He will make it safer. Wherever they go they stand up for the right thing." Such times as these demand such men as that. They give no quarter to such abominations as trial marriage nor countenance the ruin of people by bad social practices. They are patriots and fight lawlessness and they are preachers and preach salvation. They seek to be apostolic, but the tender and stern atmosphere of the old prophets still hovers about them, and their uncompromising challenge of wrong makes them the irresistible besom of many a community. Perhaps more than any other people unless it be the Methodists, the Disciples have kept the prophetic fires burning.

The Disciples also serve by promoting democracy. Kings and creeds had their day. But can the people rule themselves? No. The real democracy is a God-rulled democracy and the Disciples are trying to live by that way. The world tends toward democracy and it needs the good example of somebody who makes the venture of practicing it. This the Disciples have done, and they have made progress too. They are not a mob, but more and more a well-disciplined brotherhood, or democracy. To have achieved that alone is to have justified their existence, and to make them of special worth to their age. The people are free and they worship and serve. The people are free and they stand together for battle and enjoyment. That is democracy made safe by the restraints of the world and will of God.

It should be said further that the vigorous Christological evangelism of the Disciples is more sorely needed than any other force in America today. According to the last census there are more than fifty millions of people outside any kind of organized religion. We cannot have too many evangelists in the field. These outsiders must be won to Jesus Christ. The multitudes wait for our ministers to come to them with just the old, sweet wonderful gospel of light and salvation. This is no time for us to be questioning needed in the world. Divided Christendom, confused thought, whether "We as a people" are the neglected Bible and its practical loss to so many, the disturbed family, lax morals, militant lawlessness, carelessness about human life, an organized underworld, a divided church, drugs, drink, and the millions exhausting for the gospel call for our ministers and ministry, our churches and their shepherdly work with and for the people, with their aggressive and effective work against the enemies of the human soul, with their plea that the churches and nations dwell together in peace—live together joyfully in the love of God.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

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pointed by the school organization and are members ex-officio of the Executive Committee. The other officers are elected.

Procedure

A planned worship program should follow the business period with some youth in charge. The offering should be a part of the worship program. Next is the lesson period with the teacher in charge. After this the closing exercises with class reports on attendance and other educational features wished to be reported.

A budget should be made out, including all items of the organizational expense. Here is a sample of what should be included in a church school department of say 25 young people divided into three classes.

1. Literature and lesson helps $20.00
2. General Bible School Treasury 10.00
3. For Missions 15.00
4. Improvements, supplies, etc. 20.00
5. Social life activities 5.00
6. Benevolences 5.00

The budget ought to buy its own literature, even though it is better to order it through the general secretary of the school. Also as this is a department with elective ability, often the textbooks used will be more than the three or four cent quarterly of the grade system. Also each department ought to contribute to the general treasury to take care of overhead. The larger task of the school is Missions even as the school takes an apportionment, the classes and departments ought to subdivide that apportionment among themselves and share as a unit in the Missionary task. Item number four includes the expenditure for maps, pictures, repairs, bell, books for record, painting, redecorating and other equipment. The department should have one social during the year whether it is occasional or "just some night!". There are occasional calls for benevolent purposes, like Christmas baskets, flowers for sick or funeral purposes, fruit for indisposed members, etc. The total budget is $75.00 or just three dollars per person per year, 25 cents per month, a little less than six cents per week.

ELDER HUNT FETED, ETC.

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Several brothers and sisters testified as to the growth and splendid success the church has had under the pastorate of Elder Hunt.

On Sunday prior to this entertainment, two ladies were added to the membership of the church.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

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gave $5.00 or less than 42 cents per $1.00 per month. That means they month or $.168 per special day. Seventeen per cent of the total gave less than $.20 or 10 cents per month with 40 cents per special day. A Bible School that would give less than street fare per month to Missions, needs to reevaluate the heart of that Bible it is supposed to teach; or a school that will be one of the 70% that gives less than two pairs of shoes per year to the furnishings of funds for the extension of God's kingdom will hardly have any part with Him.

God's work demands sacrifice. Can the Bible school of this land learn a sacrificial love for Jesus Christ who sacrificed all?

Woodland Ave. Christian Church by all. A very interesting program was carried out with Mr. A. G. Nelson as master of ceremonies. Talks were made by Mr. William Dyson, Mr. R. P. Jackson, Miss Bessie Chandler and the pastor. An address was given by Mrs. Mary Brown the president. Papers on the life of Washington were read by Mrs. Nellie White and Mrs. Deetsy Gray.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

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Ere he sails away in the air
The living will sigh with the last sad look
"He hasn't treated us fair."

C. H. DICKERSON,
146 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.
WINNING OTHERS

T. B. LIVINGSTON, V. D. M.

Scripture: John 1:35-42

The pre-eminent work of the Christian is soul-winning. It is our paramount duty to help others find our Savior. Really, it should be esteemed a blessed privilege. It should be our joy to introduce others to our Friend. We must bear witness of what He has done for us, and is able to do for others. Not to endeavor to bring others to Jesus is to discount our own profession. The soul truly redeemed bubbles over. It must share the Good News. "Friends, is not my case amazing? What a Savior I have found!"

Jesus' chief method of winning men was by personal contact with individuals. The New Testament stresses Personal Evangelism. We must emulate Christ's example. We must employ the methods of the early church. If we have the spirit of the Master, there will be no hesitancy. Jesus said that His Followers were to be the salt of the earth. Salt must come in contact with what it is intended to season or preserve.

Too long have we emphasized mass meetings, spectacular demonstrations and dramatic methods in our efforts at soul-saving. Christianity is to be propagated by personal contact. The personal touch is the most effective.

Hand-picked fruits are best.

"For not with swords' loud clangings,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
But deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly Kingdom comes."

Our Scripture lesson is a fine illustration of the truth. Andrew finds Jesus and accepts Him as Messiah, then straight-way seeks his brother Simon and brings him to Christ. Not much is recorded of Andrew, but almost every time we read of him, he is bringing someone to Jesus.

There are other examples of Personal Work in the first chapter of John. It has been aptly called, "The Finders' Chapter." Jesus finds Philip and was fond of him. Philip satisfied that the One who said, "Follow Me", was Messiah, and immediately seeks his friend Nathaniel.

In the fourth chapter of John's gospel we find another illustration. As soon as the woman of Samaria had learned of Jesus for herself she became an evangelist. She joyfully reported to the people of her town her discovery of the Messiah, and urged them to come and verify her testimony.

Christ is counting on our personal testimony for the success of His cause upon earth. The spontaneous, earnest, joyous testimony of a believer is often far more effective than the finest preaching. "A word spoken in due season how good is it." The word of a little Israelitish maid in captivity was the means of physical and spiritual healing for Naaman, the leperous Syrian general. If our allegiance to Jesus is wholehearted, we shall never lack opportunity of bringing others to Him for cleansing and healing. Let us pray with Miss Havergal:

"O give Thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power,
A word in season as from Thee,
To weary ones in needful hour."

We cannot save souls, but we can bring them to the Savior. This is our peculiar privilege. It is our supreme duty. Christianity has two commands, "Come" and "Go!" We must obey the first to be saved; and the second to prove that we are saved. The disciple must become an apostle. If we are true teamers in Christ's school, we will be willing to go on whatever errands He sends us. An anonymous poet sings appropriately:

"I found a soul that was lonely and sad;
This I have done today,
I spoke the word that made him glad;
This I have done today;
I heard him lift his voice in praise;
It gave him hope for the better days;
And helped him walk in the holy ways;
This I have done today."

"I found a soul that was stained with sin;
This I have done today.
And brought him to Christ, who took him in;
This I have done today;
I knew my Lord and what it had cost
To save a soul like him who was lost,
So I guided his barge that was tempest tossed;
This I have done today.
"I lifted his burden when the day was long
This I have done today,
it helped him carry his cross with a song;
This I have done today;
Up where the mists have cleared away,
Out on the glory shining way,
I will join his song in eternal day
This I have done today."

Be it ours to know the joy of soul-winning here and hereafter. This was the "joy set before Him" who we are and whom we serve, when He endured the cross, despising the shame."

The best textbook on Winning Others to Christ is the Bible.

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THE TEACHER'S BUNCH OF “SWEET-PS”

By PATRICK H. MOSS

1. Prepare each lesson by fresh study.
2. Present lesson with enthusiasm.
3. Prove your work by regular test.
4. Provide a task for each member of class.
5. Prevent the leak in your class by following up the absentees.
6. Punctuality the teacher's rule of life.
7. Pray and pay the price of prayer.
8. Provoke others to good works.
9. Preserve the good in all that you read.
10. Practice in your own life the thing that you teach others.

“Education is simply the encouragement of right habits—the fixing of good habits until they become a part of one's nature, and exercised automatically.”—Elbert Hubbard.

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL

By PATRICK H. MOSS

National Superintendent of Religious Education

There are at least two kinds of superintendents. One who appreciates the job and has a vision of what the school should do and be. The other who serves on Sunday only and is void of vision.

The function of the church school is to develop intelligent, efficient, and consecrated leaders for all phases of church work. To do its part in building a generation whose motives and powers shall be Christian.

The Superintendent, if wise, studies the Art of Challenge.

He or she learns how "to put the thing up to one" when wishing to draft him into service. If he wants a teacher for the A boy's class he first interests the boys of the class in this certain person that he wants for a teacher: "Say, fellows, how would you like to have Mr. Jones for a teacher?"

Then he appoints a committee from the boys' class to wait on Mr. Jones. When the request comes from the boys it is hard for Mr. Jones to turn down. If there is any hesitancy on Mr. Jones' part, the superintendent will ask him to take the class for only three months, and, if at the end of this time he does not like it or finds it impossible to serve, he may give it up. Watch him and commend his work.

The Superintendent should Advertise

The Standard of the School

A standard of efficient work by class and teacher. Also on "time" standard. This is for all of the school. The teacher is expected to cooperate. If the teacher is late, or stays away from class without informing the superintendent, let the superintendent commend the teacher for the work she did when she came on time. The best way to make a new teacher is to make one out of the old teacher. There should always be the family spirit in the school.

The superintendent should always keep in mind the following division of age:

1. Mental age.—This child has a strong mind and learns faster than others of his age.
2. Chronological age.—This child may be adapted according to its proper age.
3. Physical age.—This child is rather large to its age.
4. Social age.—This child may not know so much according to his age, but Place him with his "bunch" and give special attention.

"Remember the need of the child, is the rule of the school."

SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By BESSIE E. CHANDLER

Elementary Superintendent

"Qualities of Christian Character in children may be developed best in the Play Hour"

VII. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The children should be given as much opportunity for social activities as the young people of the church school. It is in early childhood that we are anxious to awaken and cultivate the social qualities in the child. It is the goal of religious education to develop men and women to enter whole heartedly into the activities of the Christian program.

Educators have come to see that a person's ability to initiate, to choose rightly and to lead, is best and more quickly developed through social activities. Since the Junior boys and girls are so energetic a Church Story Hour with a Play Period, a monthly social planned by the group, will serve as an outlet for this energy. The Junior department should be organized into clubs and groups, each giving a "shift", taking a camping trip in summer, indulging in fall and winter out-door activities.

The children in the primary and beginners class should be given a party by the workers of the departments at least once a month. Games, ethical stories and songs may all be the means of entertaining. This is the best and most practical way to teach fair play, right conduct and other ethical essentials. The children are receiving the educational value, the social development and at the same time the party may serve as incentive to increase the attendance of the classes and to create interest in the Bible School program.

Refreshments for these little parties and social events should always be simple and very inexpensive, but should always be novel and interesting. They may often be seasonal. In October, red apples and pop corn; in November nuts and small cakes or ginger bread, in December huge snow balls of pop corn and peppermint stick; for January and February the same things may be repeated and in the spring and summer refreshing cool drinks and cakes.

We can therefore see how the Junior Christian boy and girl and the Primary Child may be educated religiously through our program which makes a large place for the right use of social activities.

WANT AD COLUMN

By BESSIE E. CHANDLER

WANTED:

Cooperation, Interest, Fellowship, and Support of all Pastors, Superintendents and other local leaders in the promotion of the Young Peoples' Conferences for 1929.

STUDENTS WANTED:

Wanted at the 1929 Young People's Conference one hundred energetic, interested, enthusiastic, cooperative young people.

Must have recommendation of local pastor and superintendent. For further information write:

Prof. P. H. Moss, 2945 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Kansas.

Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Kansas City, Kansas.

TO CONFERENCE PLEDGERS

By V. G. SMITH, 1928 Director

I have at hand a list of the Conference Character Band Pledges and some interesting facts about these delinquents are apparent.

Magnolia Conference pledged ... $53.10

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

SHALL WE WORK FOR A REVOLUTION?

"And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."

There are two kinds of revolution. One is the kind produced by those whose hearts are full of bitterness and revenge and they want to smash up things. The other is the kind produced by those who have visions of greater things and are willing to suffer as martyrs to bring them about, desiring their benefits to come to others as well as to those who cooperate. The first is illustrated by the French Revolution and the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. The latter are the beginnings of the Christian Church and the Protestant Reformation. The first is unchristian and will get nowhere that is good. The French people suffered fearfully under the reign of the Louises and they became very bitter and when they struck blood flowed like rivers in the gutters of Paris. They lost all their faith in God and proceeded to destroy everything that pertained to the Church. While they freed themselves from the kings, they also nearly destroyed the nation. The same seems to be true so far in the Russian revolution. Russia will be a hundred years in getting over it, if indeed it ever gets over it. On the other hand, the Protestant Reformation went on to build a constructive program which has resulted in all our modern invention and development along educational and industrial lines.

What Kind Of A Revolution Are The American Negroes Working For.

He who reads the Negro journals and the books produced by the more radical Negro authors, and he who lives near enough to the people to discover their inmost thinking cannot fail to see that they are thinking of revolution. Some of them are thinking of the revolution with the sword and blood and fire. Others are thinking of the constructive revolution that we may well call building a new civilization.

Those who think of sword and blood and fire are blind and do not know what all mankind. The Negro now has it in his power to help to redeem that Mid-West Conference pledged 33.10 element of the white people that is destroying itself. He must make himself feel that God is depending on him for better things. He must quit repining because some one is hindering him. God cannot do much for him until he seeks to find what he can do to make a better world.

TO CONFERENCE PLEDGERS

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Both paid at Conference ... 11.10
Leaving $42.00 for Magnolia and $22.00 for Mid-West.

At present the remaining unpaid pledges on the basis of $86.20 is $38.00 evenly divided between the two Conferences at $19.00 each. In other words Magnolia has paid $34.10 or $28.00 since Conference while Mid-West has paid $14.10 or $3.00 since Conference.

The faculty at the two Conferences still owe $30.00 of that $38.00 still due—owing $11.00 at Magnolia and $19.00 at Mid-West. Is that a record for Leaders?

Let's make another trial and see if by May 1st ALL PLEDGES can't be paid.

RING OUT CONFERENCE BELLS

By BESSIE E. CHANDLER

Ring out Conference Bells, ring in the Youth,
Ring Conference Bell, thru out the spring,
The time is come when Youth must sing,
With greater love of truth.

Ring out Conference bells, ring out!

Ring in the valiant youth and lead Him to a useful life,
Ring out the causes of his strife,
Ring in the Christ of noble deeds,

Ring out Conference Bells, ring out!

Ring out the worthless that fills his mind
For those that come must leaders be,
Ring out the evil he must see,
Ring in the love for all mankind.

Ring out Conference bells, ring out!

CONFERENCE DATES

Magnolia Young People's Conference,
May 27, June 2.

Southwest Jarvis College Conference,
June 3, June 9.

Midwest Young People's Conference,
June 23, June 30.

CONFERENCE SLOGANS FOR 1929

"A conference of 69 in '29, watch Magnolia go!"

"A conference of 59 in '29, watch Southwest go!"

"A conference of '49 in '29, watch Midwest go!"

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The thing we most need is to discover many facts about our work and, even though they are a bit unpleasant, let us learn to face them courageously as Christians. Once this is done we can better understand our relationship and responsibilities to the rest of the Brethren and our world task. Let us do some Clear thinking for ourselves. Let everyone begin now to prepare for the National Convention.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES

We are glad to see that the United Christian Missionary Society recognized our Young Peoples' Conferences to the extent of building the Task-giving Program around the "Youth in Training". If you observed Thanksgiving with a Program you have a very fine knowledge of the value of the Conference to the Young People of the Church.

The following are Conference dates:

May 27, June 2, 1929.
Southwest (at J. C. I. Hawkins, Texas) June 3-5.
Midwest (at Western University, K. C. Kansas June 17-22).

The following Slogans are used and indicate some objectives:

"A Conference of 69 in '29, watch Magnolia go!"
"A Conference of 59 in '29 watch Southweat go!"
"A Conference of 49 in '29, watch Midwest go!"

The April 15th Issue of "The Plea" will carry a supplement which can be used in a fine way to promote Conference interest in your Church and Community. It will prove of great service to those who will use it Every pastor. Congregat-oN, Parent and Youth should bestir themselves to see that the youth of the church attend some conference, somewhere. You can confer upon the youth of your church no greater honor and render them no greater service than to make possible their attendance in Conference. Pay-ment of Conference Character Bonds and subsidies are urged.

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

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"Keep Your Eye On The Goal"

(On Co-Operation of Field Force)

We learn, from Wellington at Water-loo, that there is a time in every bat-
ttle when all forces must be brought into action. That time has come with our National Goals. As a good general often shortens his front, shifts his forces and concentrates his attack, so with our N: tional workers. We are now laying the ground work for sol'd building. Necessarily there must be unity of effort on the part of the Field Force. Consequently, there is an agreement upon ques-
tions of building and unbounded, unkind or discourteous a'nd de-
cides on public or private, from pines or platform, changes the time and place of the National Convention. So long as there is no official announce-
ment to the contrary, you may know every pastor, every congregation and every individual member or organiza-
tion is expected to give the most hearty cooperation.

It is not to be generally assumed that articles, because of their ap-
pearance 'n "The Christian Plea" Carry with them Editorial approval; neither does it necessarily indicate the Editor concurs in the opinion expressed. It may be said, however, that we feel keenly the need of our church con-
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FROM THE GREAT LAKES
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Elder R. Wesley Watson, Pastor...

Dear Readers of "The Christian Plea":

We are glad to report that after a great struggle for eight years, we now occupy a modern church home at 7401 Cedar Avenue. Our properties consist of a fine modern church fully equipped for Religious Educational work and worship, with two splendid modern dwellings which will rent for $120.00 per month.

This property was valued at $75,000. We felt wonderfully blessed at getting it at $40,000. This building was made possible by the support of the United Christian Missionary Society, the Ohio Christian Missionary Society and The Cleveland Disciples' Union. The membership and our five building committees deserve much credit.

We had access to our new home for the first Sunday in January. Our regular dedicatory services were held on February 3rd. Brother Preston Taylor was to have preached but could not be with us because of illness. The pastor preached the morning sermon and Brother L. J. Cahill, General Secretary of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society brought the dedicatory message which was most helpful. Our offering was $4,700.00 which included both cash and pledges. We were deeply grateful for the gift of $500.00 in cash from Brother Davies, one of our members, and Mr. Clyde Laws, Miss Pearl Libby and Mrs. Barnabelle Brown composed the committee in charge. The Club also contributed five dollars to the church department on coal.

We are now laying our plans very carefully for the Pre-Easter Campaign. Brother R. L. Peters is to do our preaching. We are going forward in 'The Master's name. We seek the cooperation of all in helping us to get in touch with strangers, visitors, friends and relatives whose membership should be in The Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio.

FULTON NOTES

February 17th was Men's Day at Christian Church. The pastor preached a sermon to the men in the morning. Rev. L. R. Johnson preached at the afternoon service. And the representatives of the official board read papers at the evening service. Our offering was gratifying, $22.18 being the total.

The Men's Club was reorganized with Mr. James Sims as president, Mr. Clyde Laws as Vice President, Mr. Leroy Dudley as secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson as assistant secretary and Mr. Crawford Brown as treasurer.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL observed State Day and with a social was able to send off $5.50 on its state apportionment. This auxiliary under Mrs. Mary Van Buren is preparing its Easter program. The W. M. S. sponsored a play on March 7th and the result was a $43.00 house with $50.00 cleared on the door receipts and refreshments. The remaining amount on the State Apportionment has been sent.

The Helping Hand Club has donated some curtains to the church to be used in plays and exercises. They were made by Mrs. R. J. Payne and Mrs. Emma Richmond and add much to the appearance of the stage.

The Helping Hand Club had a successful Valentine Social at the home of Mrs. Charles Shy on February 14th. Over $7.00 were realized. Also, this club let three of its members have 50 cents to see what they could make with it. The result has been so encouraging that the 50 cents is still making extra dimes and nickels.

Mrs. Crawford Brown is a new member of the Helping Hand.

The Art and Dramatic Club made up of young people gave a social at the church and cleared over $35.00. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Laws, Miss Pearl Libby and Mrs. Barnabelle Brown composed the committee in charge.

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IN THE CAPITAL

By C. H. DICKERSON,

1502 P. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

"The Banks of Old Kentucky" is parking a hit with Elder Griffin and 12th Street Christian Church, Washington, D. C. Last night's beginning brought out a splendid audience and a good spirit of worship and service prevails.

This meeting looks toward Easter, after which this preacher looks towards Lexington, Kentucky.

Elder Griffin has a healthy bunch of men supporters and of course women also. We had a great-service in Lexington on the 17th, the day, I left.

Elder S. C. Crawford, a local minister will "Hold the Fox" during my absence. A "checking up" recently showed ten preachers and twenty-five school teachers and ex-teachers on our Lexington Church roll. The Preacher's Club and Teacher's Guild are the next units for service in our Annex Drive in May and afterwards.

Give the local preachers and teachers a chance. No telling what they might do.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

Elder Henry, our State Evangelist was with us on March 3rd ad gave us a splendid message on, "Obedience", Mark 5:17.

Elder N. B. Johnson gave a beautiful lesson on Baptism and the Lord's Supper on March 10th, Matthew 26.

On March 17th, the Lord's Day, Elder Johnson gave a splendid lesson.

The Bible School under the direction of Mrs. N. T. Fudgen is on its way to the top.

The Christian Endeavor is waking up with the Spring and we hope they will continue to work.

Elder J. C. Jones, Evangelist for district Number 4 worshipped with us on last Sunday.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Easter Services at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church were very impressive and beautifully carried out. The pastor, Elder B. T. Hunt delivered an appropriate and eloquent message.

Two persons, Miss Mary Moore and Mr. Troy Woods received the Holy Baptism in the evening service.

PORT GIBSON, MISS.

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL

Elder K. R. Brown, Pastor
Mrs. Sadie R. Thomas, Reporter

Our church is doing very well. On the 1st Sunday of this month we had a large audience and splendid services throughout the day.

The S. C. I. came to us with a very popular play, "Cranberry Corners", on February 18th. It was indeed a fine play, a real credit to any school anywhere. The attendance was large and all enjoyed the play.

NOTICE!

TO OUR EXPIRED SUBSCRIBERS:

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WOMEN AND THE CHURCH
By Mrs. Decey Blackburn Gray
Kansas City, Missouri

(This paper was read to the Woodland Avenue Church on Woman's Day. A special feature of the Church in behalf of the Faithful Women of the Church.)

Many centuries ago, woman's position was one of inferiority to man. Indeed, many of our present day ideas about women's place may be traced directly to the conception of these early centuries. Excepting in Jewish life, women were but little more than chattel.

It was different with the Jewish women for they enjoyed much greater freedom and occupied a place more nearly on equal footing with man.

According to the best light we can find on this subject, woman was intended, originally, to "help" man and to be a companion for him. This is no less true in the church than elsewhere.

In early Jewish life we find that woman played no inconsiderable part in public celebrations: Miriam, for instance, the sister of Moses, led a band of women who commemorated with song and dance the overthrow of the Egyptians. (Exodus 15:20,21); Jephtha's daughter gave her father a triumphal reception (Judges 11:3); the maidens of Shiloh danced publicly in the vineyards at the yearly feasts and the women celebrated the return of Saul and David from the defeat of the Philistines with singing and dancing.

Occasionally women held public offices, particularly that of Prophetess or inspired teacher. In this connection we doubtless will remember the names of Miriam (Exodus 15:20) and Deborah was one of the Judges and great warrior. No modern organizer has excelled her.

It is hardly necessary for us to say the management of household affairs devolved mainly on the woman. They brought the water from the well, attended the flocks, prepared the meals and used their leisure hours in spinning and making clothes for the family, for sale, or for charitable purposes.

To our utter amazement today, we find a few good, perfectly well-meaning folk who feel that women, like the children of yesterday, "are to be seen but not heard" in the Church. They are sincere in their beliefs that woman should inquire of her husband at home and in private. In this particular, Paul is usually the object of reference.

Two things may be said about this school of thought:
1st.—We must remember with what high esteem Paul held many of his co-workers and most loyal supporters, who were women.
2nd.—It is to woman's eternal credit and everlasting efforts that the church stands today as a living monument to the Christ. It is indeed fortunate for the Church that woman has not kept silent and inactive.

In the New Testament we find many pictures of beauty of life and service of woman. Many of these women gave to the support of Jesus and His twelve Disciples and ministered unto them. In fact, many of the women formed a large part of the early group of Christians. They were always present in relation to Christ and work of the church.

When Christ's public ministry was at its height, it was a group of women who followed Him as He journeyed about Galilee and down into Judea. For the most part they were women of maturity, good position and means. The following are some whose names might be mentioned: Elizabeth, the mother of the great forerunner; Mary, the blessed among women, the mother of Jesus; Salome, the mother of James the Less; Joanna, Herod's wife; Mary Magdalene and many others. These all ministered of substance and doubtless did personal work.

This group of women have been called the Church's first Woman's Missionary Society. Martha and Mary, who opened up their homes joyfully to Jesus and the Twelve, were the first forerunners of the numerous women who later made possible the success of the church by having Church Meetings in their homes. In this particular the names of Mary, the Mother of Mark; in Jerusalem; Lydia in Philippi, Priscilla and Aquila, her husband may be mentioned as well as many others.

Preachers traveled a great deal in the early Church. This was in keeping with our Lord's command to "Go into all the world and preach." Thus hospitality, generally known as a prime virtue in the East, became of special value in the Early Church, not alone for traveling preachers or evangelists, but for traveling Christians for the Inns were generally poor and the occupants rough. Thus it was considered a great kindness to "wash the feet of a traveling Saint.

The Letters Of The Apostle
Paul indicates that he found shelter in dozens of such homes and was very grateful for it; thus we see woman has played a very important role from the very beginning in the life and labors of the Church.

It may also be noticed that woman took part in public worship. Paul speaks of Euodia and Syntyche (Phil. 4:3) as having labored with him in the gospel, probably as Missionaries or workers in the city. He also refers to the financial help given him by the Church of Philippi for extending his labors. In this we may be sure the generous Lydia was a leader.

Consequently, it may plainly be seen that Paul found in the life of the Church the same sort of help and encouragement that Jesus found in Galilee. There was Priscilla whose teaching of Appollos, "more accurately" what she had heard or learned from Paul himself. This was done in her own home in connection with her husband.

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1929 NATIONAL CONVENTION AT WINSTON-SALEM TO BE MOST IMPORTANT

The Thirteenth Annual National Christian Missionary convention of the Churches of Christ will be held in Winston-Salem, N. C., beginning Monday, August 26th, and running over the first Lord’s day in September. There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one. The distance is in reach of everybody. They can go by the way of Atlanta, Ga., by the way of Knoxville and Morristown, by the way of Roanoke, Va., and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City. One of the most enterprising cities for our people that we’ve ever met in. We have four fine congregations of our brethren in that city and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds. A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.

—Preston Taylor

NOTICE FROM PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Christian Missionary convention of Tennessee will be held with the church at Knoxville, Tenn., beginning Wednesday, August 21st and running over Lord’s day. The state is preparing to celebrate this convention with every possible feature to make it a great one, not only are they inviting Tennessee to be present but we are inviting the National delegates to stop over on Lord’s day on their way to Winston-Salem. Then they can do on Monday morning take the Carolina Special right into Winston-Salem and be ready for the beginning of the National Meeting.

CENTENNIAL, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ELDER WM. ALPHON, Pastor
MRS. A. F. MITCHELL, Reporter

Our church work is moving along smoothly with all Departments doing nicely. Our membership and attendance is still growing—recently we had four more additions. We were glad to see Mrs. Grubbs in her seat at church. We have had the installment of our officers with a fine program in the evening.

Mrs. J. H. Heatley the wife of our President of the Brotherhood Organization, joyfully entertained the members of the Brotherhood. We love sister Heatly although her membership is elsewhere. We are living in hopes—well, enough said.

Mrs. Lula Bunday, the good wife of Elder G. Bunday, is still on the sick list.

Mr. Brooks, the husband of Mrs. Ela Brooks died Sunday, February 3rd.

COOPERATION OF FIELD WORKERS

By GRANT K. LEWIS

Acting Recorder

For Joint Executive Committee.

Nov. 21, 1928

It has been suggested that some members of the Joint Executive Committee inform the churches, through the columns of The Christian Plea of the very fine cooperation existing among the field workers. As Acting Recorder, perhaps this responsibility is mine. We have three fine, efficient, experienced and trusted leaders in Mrs. Rosa Grubbs, for the Missionary Societies, Mr. P. H. Moss for the Bible Schools, and Mr. Prince Gray, for "The Christian Plea". Under the direction of the Joint Executive Committee they travel among the churches, representing our whole cooperative work, while each does the specific task assigned as indicated above. The field is so large and the expenses of travel so heavy that each cannot visit every church nor every state every year. So they have arranged to help each other. While each majors on a particular task, each is informed on the whole task, and is prepared to serve the churches as need and opportunity require.

These leaders meet three or four times a year and plan their itineraries, not only so as to keep out of each other’s way, but to see that the whole field is covered and every church is reached by at least one representative of our cooperative work.

In raising the quotas for our ten thousand dollar budget, each helps in the whole task. Then while P. H. Moss carries his major responsibility of the quotas of the Bible Schools, wherever he goes he is informed and prepared to assist in the quotas to the missionary societies and to the churches. So also with Mrs. Grubbs and Mr. Gray.

Unfortunately this year our funds do not permit a church field worker. While Mrs. Grubbs has been asked to do the general office promotion in behalf of the church work and its quota of the National Convention budget for World Missions, the entire field force is responsible in whatever field they go. We bespeak for each of them an attentive hearing wherever they go. May every church, Bible school and missionary organization respond to the appeal of these worthy leaders.

ON TO PENTECOST

(Continued from page six) them by additional contributions, over and above our regular giving. Sometimes it requires burdensome sacrifice to respond to these appeals.

First,—Church and Bible School attendance. It is a sin for a church or Bible School to have a smaller attendance than it ought to have.

There is too much self-satisfaction with the present numbers in all the church service. There is a need for a new faithfulness everywhere on the part of members of the church to the house of God and the Communon Service. Someone has said, “The most expensive piece of furniture in the church is an empty pew.” Let there be an advance in every church in attendance. Seek to get out the whole Sunday School enrollment and all the church membership for the seven Sundays now before Pentecost.

Second,—Evangelism. The first Pentecost was a day of revival when 3,120 were baptized. The day began with 120 disciples who had been spending ten days in the Upper Room in prayer. Before the Pentecost day was over there were 3,120 followers of Christ. When one thinks Pentecost he thinks evangelism. There was a great preacher on this day and a great message. So great was the message that they cried out, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Peter gave the answer in Acts 2:38, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, unto the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Let us make this coming Pentecost like the first one—a day of great soul winning.

Many churches should plan a revival of two or three weeks leading up to Pentecost. During all these next

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"WINNING OTHERS"
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Study to learn how—

Christ won Andrew,—John 1:40.
Andrew won Peter,—John 1:41.
Christ won Philip,—John 1:44.
Philip won Nathaniel,—John 1:45-48.
Christ won Nicodemus,—John 3.
Christ won the Samaritan Woman,—John 4.
Aquila won Apollos,—Acts 8:24.
Philip won the Ethiopian,—Acts 8:26-40.
Peter won Cornelius,—Acts 10.

Jesus expects everyone who has found Him as Savior to tell others the story—to bid them, "Come and see." He expects us to bear witness of His saving power.

WOMAN AND THE CHURCH
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In Paul's later letters he refers to the widows who were already becoming an order in the church, receiving support and rendering valuable service like many of our own Church Missionaries, pastors' helpers, and Directors of Religious Education. The order of Deaconesses began in the Apostolic age. Phoebe, who bore the letter to the Romans (16th) was probably a deaconess.

In the sub-Apostolic age, woman became active officially in many ways, teaching, organizing and singing in choirs, etc. History tells us that of the utmost importance. As a general rule whenever special appeals come, it is necessary to provide for them by additional contributions, over and above our regular giving. Sometimes it requires burdensome sacrifice to respond to these appeals.

We have, in The Christian Plea, a special appeal of the above mentioned character. To make possible its success, we must deny ourselves, our gifts must be our and above all gifts made to The Central Fund of the United Christian Missionary Society. All gifts to The Christian Plea Fund are to be strictly personal, individual.

It is well to add, however, that monies given the Editor as public offerings or collections are credited as Field Receipts and goes to The Plea Fund. It is any Congregation or Auxiliary commonly known as Departments of the Church or any District, State or National Convention may Contribute any amount (and we seek their hearty cooperation in this particular) but in the final analysis we are depending on you, the individual.

The appeal is strictly personal. It is an appeal of self-denial, a sacrificial gift is requested. We do not ask that you solicit or give personal entertainments. While we are registering no particular objection if you either choose or deem it advisable to do so.

The point is: We are asking you to give. It is this sacrificial or self-denying spirit that makes possible the success of the Church and its agencies.

The Plea seeks to serve the Churches. It cannot serve the churches until the churches first serve it. It cannot come off the press until it gets the funds from the churches; it cannot publish your local "news" until you forward them to us; it (The Plea) cannot come to you (through the mails) until you come to it (with your $1.00 for subscription). It has no income except that which comes from the membership of the Church,—you! There are several whose subscriptions are now due, and we earnestly seek your cooperation when we ask you to "pay up". We have a list of those who pledged to pay their dollar at the National Convention last August. We ask you to forward us your dollar so we can transfer your name to our subscription list. We should get our friends' subscriptions and interest others, not by allowing them to barrow our paper, but by paying for their own. This is the way to help the Cause. See that we get correct names, addresses, change of addresses, towns or cities, states and your dollar and we will see that you get 24 copies of "The Plea".

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Sundays, the preachers should preach evangelistic sermons, the members of the church should be sent out to call and talk to people like the early Christians did urging that they accept Christ. What the church needs now, each local church, is a revival of witnessing for Christ such as the early church had. If we are going to restore the New Testament church we need to restore the evangelistic fervor of the early church.

How many baptisms can each church have before Pentecost? May 19th! Christ is said "Go make disciples". On this matter of soul winning, he gave orders. Many seem to think he gave a few suggestions. Orders and commands should be obeyed. Let our slogan be, "On to Pentecost in the spirit of Pentecost."
Is this to be known as our year of timely achievements or colossal failures? Surely this is no time to "mark time" in the face of so many unmet needs. There are many outstanding opportunities for service to the Cause we love so well. Shall we accept the Challenge of the hour and "measure up" to the full needs of this new day of larger opportunities and increased efforts?

Some National Goals

We have before us the following goals:
1. Four Church Colleges and Schools of recognized standing.
2. A Church Journal; a medium of communication.
3. All churches having full Fellowship and cooperation in the larger work of the world.
4. National Quotas or Appointments, representing our share of the world's work—a total sum of $10,000.00.
5. A Bigger, Better, more substantial and, a more representative National Convention.
6. A general Secretary for the churches.
7. A National Young People's Secretary, a leader for the youth of the church.
8. A National Evangelist, who shall be our pioneer in the foremost cities of America—(North, East, South and West)
9. More and larger Young People's Conferences.
10. Crusaders for Christ; this year it was proposed that we have a Team of Pentecostal Crusaders.

Obviously several of these goals, perhaps, are in the distant future; others are precious opportunities thrust at our very feet now, today. Much depends on what we do now! We are living in a day when folk are doing big things in a worth-while way. We need supreme faith, infinite patience, sympathetic understanding, daring courage, uniform actions, harmony and "team-work" or cooperation—these are indispensable to our success. There are increasing demands for a United Church, with a United Front in United Effort.

"In Unity, Strength"

There is power in United effort. Every page of history is a story of combined efforts of individuals to realize specific ends or goals.

Others have learned long ago to "pull together". The spirit of self-seeking impedes progress and makes absolute success impossible. In this particular the church of Kingdom Building is seriously no exception. Invariably the work hampered and "limps" when individuals, groups or organizations are "self-seeking" rather than "self-sacrificing". We must learn to do effective team-work by "Pulling together". In Unity there is Strength.

Many an apparent failure would be transformed into a monumental success were the principles of action reversed. For instance: The pastor comes prepared with fine messages on Lord's Day. His eager audience is not disappointed in the least. Bright and early Monday morning Deacon Jones busies himself with unkink criticisms, trifling talk and inconsistent conduct. Who doubts the impossibility of the church to succeed under these circumstances?

Conversely, the entire membership goes out, including all the "Deacon Joneses" and for six days of twenty-four hours, follow-up the appeals, the invitations and wise counsel preached on Sunday, thus putting into practice for six days the sermon, by the membership—its an inspiration to watch the success of the church.

In like manner, no phase of our church work, whether in the local church, the District, State, National or World-wide task, can attain any appreciable degree of success if our beloved pastors, many of our good church officers and multitudes of prominent members and general workers do not "pull together" or cooperate. Great success no longer comes to the "One-Man-Concerns," rather, it comes to vast Cooperative Corporations. Let us try a little teamwork, and see if it is not possible to bring to realization some timely achievements.

Clear Thinking Needed

Some clear thinking about our Local, District, State, National and World-wide work would greatly improve the status of our churches. Our trouble is: too few of us do real clear thinking. Clear thinking deals with facts. It is not particularly concerned with sentiment, feelings, opinions and beliefs.

Clear thinking proposes to actually see things as they are; not as I wish they were. It's a case of "What is, is; and What ain't, ain't." There is no use thinking "you is what you ain't," or "I hope he's gone where I spect he ain't." That is only non-sense! It makes absolutely no difference with the facts of a given situation. It is interesting to note how frequently one acts on opinions and beliefs, rather than on the facts involved.

Many facts need to be discovered and rightly understood relative to the work of the church. Necessity, these facts should be detached from sentiment and prejudices. No doubt about it, we need somebody or something to set us to thinking, to help us to clarify our own thoughts that we may better understand our relationships and responsibilities to our brethren and the Brotherhood at large.

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THE ETERNAL CONFLICT BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

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"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." 

"But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Man was created after God's own image. That is, man is a part of God's created universe and his growth and development towards maturity is a slow growing process. When we study geology we study how the earth matured from chaos to its present form. When we study zoology we study how the animal kingdom matured from primitive forms. When we study botany we study how the vegetation lives and grows. When we study the teaching of Jesus we study how the Kingdom of Heaven matures in human hearts.

Like the struggle between the plants that would mature into useful grains and the weeds that would hold down, so is the struggle between those people who would go up on higher things for which God designed man and those people who would hold down to the barbarian things from which we came. When Jesus was tempted He knew these but the evil forces thought He did not. The suggestion from the evil world was about as follows: "You mean to make this world better by the slow process of teaching and growth? You are foolish to think that. Take my way and organize a military force and force the world into what you want in one campaign." Jesus answered this by saying, "Your force accomplishes nothing. You never made the world better by that method and you never will. Fall down and acknowledge you as my authority. The God who made the universe is my authority. Get thee behind me satan."

And so the conflict goes on between Good and Evil. Evil is always nagging at the heel and Good is forever striking to mash the head of Evil. Steadily, but surely, the good is triumphing over the evil. As the struggle between those people who would hold down to the barbarian things from which we came, and those who would hold up to the higher things for which God designed man, so is the struggle between nature and grace. God is making murder and robbery a commodity in trade, and China want to become great because of the form of the liquor traffic out of it. When good men and women assault us, the driving out of the school bus was just one battle of a great war. The tobacco business that is now leaving no method untried to make every girl smoke cigarettes even though they cannot bear living children thereafter. The picture show business that is most wickedly commercializing true love and affection and is making murder and robbery a commodity in trade, will not surrender without making an assault on good people.

And so it will go on. If the newer people like the Negro, the Japanese and Chinese want to become great before God and man they will have to enter God's cause. Some are saying that they want to start a war to right wrongs. No, No. Let them start to make the world better by God's appointed way, and if there is to be anything started, let the evil forces start it only they who have the grace and fortitude to stand still and wait upon God can hope to triumph. He who has not the grace of God in his heart will be crushed if he starts anything. Only they who are made of martyr stuff can triumph in this great cause of God.
A WORD TO THE WISE
Bernice Andrews

If all the time were conference time, we'd have better trained young people. If all the young people in our churches had conference training, we'd have a revival of interest and enthusiasm for the church's program that would send it around the world in one generation.

Why do the leaders of youth plan and provide a conference experience for young people? Why do those who attend come home inspired to deeper consecration and more unselfish service? Merely this: underneath all the fun, fellowship and knowledge gained is the dynamic, soul-firing experience of having lived for a week in close fellowship with a Christ, who is real for probably the first time. The student has found a friend, a guide, a helper and, at the same time, he has the command "Go"—"Serve".

There are three conference centers seeking to provide such an experience to two hundred or more young people this summer. The word "Magnolia" already means "Conference" to many, because this conference is now nearly four years old. Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi again extends to you a hearty welcome for the week of May 27 to June 3. Young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-eight years who desire to develop their Christian initiative in order to be better able to serve, are eligible for Magnolia. The goal for attendance is "Sixty-nine in Twenty-nine".

The Mid-West Conference is entering its second year of history. Last year ten young people had a great experience at Dalton, Missouri. This year a change has been made in location, and Dean Moss expects forty-nine young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four at Western University Kansas City, Kansas. The date this year is June 17-23.

The churches and young people of the South-Western part of the United States are rejoicing over a new conference which is to be started at Jarvis Christian College this summer.

The location near Hawkins, Texas, is ideal. "It has all of the advantages of a college and has also the advantages of a camp. All of the common games can be played, fish can be caught, and all of the sports found in the country can be enjoyed; yet most of the conveniences of a modern city are at our command."

With such a location, a splendid faculty and an inspiring program, the goal of fifty-nine young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four should be reached long before the date of the conference.

If you have not already seen the bulletins of these conferences which give specific information as to how to reach the conference centers, what to bring, the courses to be offered, the faculty, fees and other costs, write at once to the director of promotion, Miss Bernice Andrews, Missions Building Indianapolis, Indiana. Plan now to make the conference experience available to the young people of your church! The returns will be many, for they will be read into the lives of boys and girls as they grow into Christian manhood and womanhood.

Bernice Andrews, Director of Promotion.

WHAT THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED SAY:

"Conference meets our needs"—Cyril Robertson.

"Conference week is one of great fellowship and inspiration"—Isaac Henderson.

"To my idea Young People's Conference is a wonderful institution to promote progress and leadership training of the youth of today in Christian living."—William Lucas.

"Conference has meant to me the awakening of new ideals. It has brought me closer to the Kingdom of God. It has helped me to understand the way in which Jesus wishes me to live."—Jessie Louise Wilson.

I think that this type of conference is the best I have ever attended for developing the abundant life.—Juanna Andrews.

I hope by my endeavors to encourage other young people to attend next year.

I want to do my part in helping to live up to the slogan of "29 in 29".—Mayme Williams.
CONFERENCE? SHALL IT?
Personification Of A Dream

W. E. SMITH

And as He slept
He dreamed

(A Shining One enters). I am the Conference spirit after nine months, I am come to engage your interest again in Conference. I shall call my helpers to remind you of Conference values. (Claps her hands) (A Solemn One enters attended by orderly, but joyous pages)

SOLEMN ONE—I am Religion as you looked upon it ere you came to conference. "When you see him, there is no beauty in him that you should desire him." Yet you found my attendants appealing last summer in conference. Let them speak.

A BROWN PAGE—I am Morning Watch. Ere, the cares of the day, took your thoughts into mundane realms, you spent 15 minutes with me. As you sought your favor're spot amid nature's beauties, "alone with God and Nature there, you took your heart to God in prayer." You loved my quiet joy. Return to it once more.

A GRAY PAGE—I am Chapel Devotions—a pause in the morning of busy activity to engage in public worship. Thru song, prayer, scripture and word, you were led to pay homage to the great source—God. I carried the breath of my co-laborer, "Morning Watch", over into the plans and purposes of the day. I am here to invite you back again.

A BLUE PAGE—I am the call that the dying sun brings—a petition to forgive sin and error and approve the impulses and acts of service. In addition, I bring a wider scope to a life of purpose, a deeper meaning to devotion, a larger interest to a Christian interest. I would broaden the horizon of your possibilities and place your soul in a realm of sacrificial love. I am Vespers.

A PURPLE PAGE—I am those last thoughts, that last prayer, that concluding gesture to a Father—God. I am Group Devotions. I review the day and profit by its mistakes. I thank the God of Things-as-They-Are for permitting another trial to paint into life the Things-as-They-Seek-to-Be. I pray for a Strength equal to tasks and not for tasks equal to an undeveloped strength. Return to this period and enjoy religion as Christ did with His Disciples.

Shining One, as Solemn One and pages take place across head of Sleeping One)—Now for another Set of Values!

(A Stalwart One with pages enters)

Stalwart One—I represent Physical Life—the basis of all life, the starting point of all activity. When I am damned by mis-use, abuse or neglect, the soul of Religion would save is beyond salvation, I want to urge your return and these my entourage will solicit your presence.

A PINK ONE—Remember me? I am the old Out-of-Door Sports. Ah! I see you recall me. Why the grin? Thinking of that ball game where you covered yourself with glory by knocking a home run? Or are you smiling at that last suck race in the Saturday Track Meet? It will be as much fun this year as before.

A SILVER ONE—I am nine full hours of contented dreamless Sleep. I appeared twice during the Conference day—once for an hour after lunch and again for eight hours at night. I was untroubled because you had spent a day of pulsing activity and I built up the exhausted tissues for the next day. Return for the nights as well as the days of conference.

(Schalwart One and pages line up on the right of cot).

A SHINING ONE—So much for Body—Now for minds!

(Spectacled One enters with pages)—I represent Study—Thought, Mental Life, Intellectual Alertness. I appear throughout conference in whatever there is to learn. Especially am I represented in the morning classes. I only brought my routine, the types of courses. Let them speak!

AN INDIGO-BLUE ONE—I am Self Analysis Courses, principle of which is Life Evauation. I am Indigo to represent the feeling which possessed you after taking this course. But, see, (turns around) my reverse side is Golden to symbolize the great opportunity Conference offers to repair past mistakes. Your aspirations govern me as well as the factual evidence of your inadequacy. I appear in Life Problems and Relationships, so meet me again in 1929.

A PASTEL ONE—I am the courses on Personal Enrichment. I strive to help you find your place in church, community and the world. I bring the answer to the question of a young man of Christ's time, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" I teach life based on service, moreover I show you where to serve. Learn of me!

A MAUVE ONE—And, I am new to you—Activity Courses. Do you want to work? Then I shall give you plans and actual experience in working. You learn by doing, and I give the opportunity to do. I act. I am activity in all branches of Church life. I issue a special invitation to you.

A YELLOW ONE—I am the Majors of Conference. I give you the methods in specified units that you need for efficiency. My credit is recognized by any board. I use the International Council of Religious Education in approved texts. I amount to something.

(Cerise One takes place at foot of cot).

A SHINING ONE—Is that all? Ah! I forgot Social Life. Come Neglected one what are your values?

Motleyed One—I come unescorted because I am a unity. I am at every turn when you meet others conferences. Of course I have my period in the evening, but I also exist throughout. I sit at the tables and raise the songs. I go to chapel and lead the "pep" singing. I revel in the recreation period and plunge into the activities of Conference. I destroy cliques, annihilate snobbishness, overcome isolation.

"Awake! Awake! Put on thy garments." Enroll for conference is here! (All close in on Sleeping One as he awakes. He sees "cloud of witnesses").

SLEEPING ONE—Aha! To Conference I shall go. I can't miss such values. Where's my pen? And that application blank?

Sleeping one takes pen from Stalwart One, fills in blank given by Shining One, folds and puts in envelope given by Solemn One along with Check pro-offered by Spectacled One.

Sleeping One—To Conference? I shall ! ! !
MAGNOLIA CONFERENCE—May 27-June 2 at Edwards, Miss.
SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE—June 3-9 at Hawkins, Texas.
MIDWEST CONFERENCE—June 17-23 at Kansas City, Kansas.

Young People's Conference among the Disciples of Christ is still comparatively new, stretching over a period of less than ten years. Its phenomenal growth has claimed the attention of the entire brotherhood. In 1921-22 there were nine conferences held with an enrollment of 66 young people; in 1925-26 thirty-two conferences were held with an enrollment of 2,907. About this time the first conference for our group was projected; held at the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. It was made possible through Character Bonds gifts of the Ohio Young People. The Magnolia Conference for such was the appellation given it, enrolled 42 young people. Beginning under the old regime, made it possible to graduate the first class in 1928. Nine splendid young people representing six states and W. L. received their honors from the hand of Dean Hutton, with the dignity of University graduates. Four of these young people are going forward with their college training, three are teachers in the public schools, one a national worker in the Department of Religious Education, and one engaged in Y. W. C. A. work. The dates for the Magnolia Conference this year are May 27-June 2nd. This conference should serve the young people of the following states: Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and part of Tennessee.

The Mid-West Young People's Conference was made possible by $100.00 subsidy of the Missouri State Convention. This conference was held at the Barlett Vocational School, Missouri, last week in June, 1928. While the number attending this conference was not very large, they were a very fine bunch of young people. The second conference will be held at the Western University, Kansas City, Kansas, June 17-23rd, 1929. We should be able to reach the young people in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana.

We have long had a desire to see a conference located in the Southwest, serving the young people of all of Texas, part of Arkansas and part of Oklahoma. After a long conference with the President of Jarvis Christian College last December, we have been assured, that the state of Texas will do its full part to establish a conference for the young people of that section of the country. June 3-9th are the dates given for the projecting of the Southwest Jarvis College Young People's Conference. Pres. Ervin extends a very hearty welcome to the Campus of Jarvis College.

TO THE CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH WEST:

We are happy here at Jarvis to announce to you the First Young People's Conference held in this section. We are especially glad that it will be held here at Jarvis for several reasons. One of these reasons is, that it will give each church an opportunity to send at least one delegate to us who can go back to his community and spread the news of the great fellowship that we have here. Jarvis is the ideal place for a conference because it has both the advantages of a country camp and of the city school buildings. The churches of this section are to be complimented, in that the opportunity for a greater spiritual awakening is being cast at their feet. They should and MUST send delegates to this great conference if they are to be of the greatest service to their communities. Let us work together and make this the greatest conference ever.—Herod Ward.

GREETINGS: MAGNOLIANS

'69 in '29' is our motto for Magnolia. That does not mean that the enrollment will be limited to 69. If the young people of the Brotherhood could see the location for the Magnolia Conference, we could double our goal! The campus of Southern Christian Institute consists of 1,265 acres of beautiful land, much of which is a forest of giant trees, oak, gum, cedar, pine, magnolia,—which at conference time is very alive with birds. Thus it runs the interesting Big Black River, and there are also our large ponds for boating. There are the tennis courts, ball diamonds, and other athletic equipment of the college. The dormitories, dining room, and the new, college building with all their advantages, will belong to the Conference during that mountain-top experience. Anyone who could see the Conference location would say immediately: "'69 in '29' is not overly optimistic at all."—John Long.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
GREETINGS FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONFERENCES

To the Mid-West, Magnolia and South-west Conferences:

The conference students everywhere this next summer will have the unusual privilege of being in the greatest conference set-up thus far in the history of our people. There will be 56 conferences in the United States and Canada. It is not only a national enterprise but has grown to an international one as we have information concerning a conference in China, one in the Hawaiian Island, and in Australia and another in the Philippine Islands. The conference student this summer will participate in a world fellowship. What a great privilege to be permitted to participate in this broad fellowship! Therefore, as we look forward we can realize that thousands of young people with the same ideals and the same high purposes are looking forward just as eagerly as we are to this mountain top experience.

There must be, of course, behind the conference movement great purposes. Those purposes read in terms of the conference experience means something as follows: To discover one's self, to find out what one has within himself that is good, clean, wholesome, pure and fine. After self-discovery comes training. The person who has discovered himself will want to train for whatever service he may be able to render. Then the discovered self, the trained self, will find some field of service in the local church where he might serve his fellow men and his God.

So the best things that I can wish for you conference students this coming summer is that you enter into the conference with your whole soul and from that experience come back enriched in mind, body, and spirit for the work of the local church.

—Virgil A. Sly.

GREETINGS TO THE MAGNOLIA CONFERENCEITES

I was very happy to discover the other day that it would be possible for me to dean the Conference.

Having heard much of the Magnolia Conference and the spirit that prevails there I know that I will be much enriched by the contact and experience at the 1929 Magnolia Conference.

The Conference movement has grown by leaps and bounds and this has been made possible only because underneath the growth are high ideals and deep purposes for youth. These ideals and purposes are expressed in the discovery of self, the training for leadership, and the seeking of avenues of service for the community, local church, and the world.

Let us then come to conference with four dominant purposes in our hearts.

1. To seek the "Jesus way of life."
2. To seek Christian fellowship.
3. To seek noble service.
4. To express that service in our churches and communities.

Our church, our community, and our brotherhood has a right to expect both character results and practical help from our conference experience. This is somehow expressed in the little poem by Miss Adeline Bridges:

"For light is the mirror of king and slave, It is just what we give and do; Then give the world the best you have And the best will come back to you."

—Virgil A. Sly.

GREETINGS

Blow the dust off of the old suit case and pack up your belongings for conference. We're counting on you at Jarvis, June 3-9.

For years I have counted President Ervin among my choicest comrades in Christian service. His sacrificial service through the years speaks for his interest in young people and symbolize the wholesome Christian atmosphere which prevails in Jarvis.

Indeed, we want you to share in a week of character training, a week full of interest, good fellowship, happy hours of study and play. You will be glad you came. Some of my most enjoyable hours in traveling about among our churches have been spent in Jarvis. Come right along, we're lookin' for you.—W. H. Hutton.

TO MID-WEST CONFERENCE-ITES:

If I should meet you, what do you think my first question would be? If you had rendered service to your church since conference? I know you have a deep sense of appreciation of the church that made it possible for you to attend the conference at Dalton, Missouri; but that would not be my first question.

I would ask, what personal help or enrichment that you have reaped out of that one week of conference fellowship and service? For I wonder if any normal young person could pass through such a week with no effect on his life. Many questions would come into my mind as I looked into your faces. But as I think of conference now, it seems to me that my first question would be ARE YOU COMING BACK TO CONFERENCE? Then I expect I would tell you all about conference dates—June 17th to 23rd; and place of meeting, Western University, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. V. G. Smith, who will direct the conference, will have some good news to tell you soon about the low fees, etc. I am sure I would tell you to bring one more with you to conference this year.—Patrick H. Moss.

"HOLD THAT BRACE"

A few days ago I read this story, and thought about the young people of our church. The story runs:

When I was a youngster, my father was repairing the roof on the veranda. He gave me a brace to hold for a few minutes saying, "Now, don't let it go or you will lose the porch roof down." I thought it was a joke. So after a moment, I eased up on the brace to see if the supporting beam would not hold of its own accord. Suddenly there was a crash. Down came the roof and by a miracle only, I escaped injury.

Young People and Local Leaders, you may think your share of responsibility for the Young People's Conference in the spring do not amount to much. But REMEMBER! You are holding a BRACE. You dare not let go. Every one of us MUST SUPPORT OUR LOAD. Youth is an outstanding feature of our program.

A CONFERENCE EXERCISE

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
OAKWOOD BLVD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
729 Oakwood Blvd.
Rev. T. B. Livingston, Pastor
As a fitting climax to the Lenten services that have been observed each Sunday during the Lenten season, the choir sang, "The Last Seven Words", by Dubois, on Good Friday evening under the direction of E. C. Welch and Mrs. Gertrude Jackson, organist. The soloists were, Mrs. E. C. Welch, soprano, Mr. Carl Wells, bass and Mr. E. C. Welch, tenor.

"The Power of His Resurrection" was the subject of Brother Livingston's discourse Easter Sunday morning. It was delivered with such fervor and feeling that we are sure that everyone who heard it was inspired and more determined to live Christ-like and to do more for the advancement of His Kingdom.

On Sunday afternoon the W. M. S. with Mrs. Irene Abernathy as President rendered a special Easter program.

On April 7th at 8:15 p.m. the choir had its regular monthly Sunday evening musicale. The following artists appeared: Helen Robins White, soprano, Silvertone Quartette: Goldie Guy Martin, pianist. The choir sang several selections. On April 17th the club of women with Mrs. Black as leader presented the "Chicago Women's Orchestra" with Mrs. Howard Harrison, cornetist and director.

Our pastor has been and is suffering with a severe case of rheumatism. We're glad to report that he is improved and we hope that pretty soon he will be entirely well.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
A report of the Christian Missionary Convention of District No. 3 for the First Quarter 1929 was held with the 11th Street Christian Church, 11th and Avenue F., Birmingham, Ala.

The Bible School opened at 8 o'clock and was presided over by the district president, Mr. A. F. Jackson. It was lively and full of enthusiasm and inspiration. We find more time is needed for the Bible School work and this we agreed to give in our next meeting.

More time and attention must be given to Youth if we expect them to play their part well in the future and make effective leaders.

The Church department was presided over by its president, Elder W. D. Johnson. The reports of the preachers and the delegates from the churches were very commendable. The sermon was given by Elder J. L. Beuch. It was much enjoyed by all. Elder A. J. Jeffries reported for the 11th Street Christian Church. The report showed that the work is still on an upward trend with six confessions for the first quarter. We were made to feel there is a greater need for Evangelism in the Home Land and Foreign Fields.

At 3 o'clock a program was rendered by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Maud Jackson is the president. The expressions from this program were like that made by the King at the Cana marriage feast. "The best was saved for the last."

The women of this district feel there is a part for them to play and they are launching out into the deep in Missionary Enterprise. The ministers have realized the women are no longer to work in the back-ground but by their sides in building up the Kingdom of our Master.

We were proud of the first report coming from our Young People's organization with Miss M. L. Adams as president. We have only three churches in our district. The finance from each department was good.

The total receipts for the day were $55.38. The Love of Christ constraineth us.

Mrs. A. M. Haygood, Reporter.

NOTICE TO THE CHURCHES
The constitution of the National Convention requests that each church represent with $5.00 in the National Convention by paying it through the State Convention. If $5.00 may be sent direct to the Treasurer of the National Convention.

The officers of the State Conventions and the local pastors should keep this before the churches.

If each would make this needed contribution the expense of the convention would be cared for and a fund could be created to help the Christian Plea.

J. E. WALKER, Treasurer.

1929 NATIONAL CONVENTION IMPORTANT
The Thirtieth Annual National Christian Missionary convention of the Churches of Christ will be held in Winston-Salem, N. C., beginning Monday, August 26th, and running over the first Lord's day in September. There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one. The distance is in reach of everybody. They can go by the way of Atlanta, Ga., by the way of Knoxville and Morriston, by the way of Roanoke, Va. and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City. One of the most enterprising cities for our people that we've ever met in. We have four fine congregations of our brethren in that city and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds. A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship. — Preston Taylor.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO THE READERS OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA:
I wish to say that the Cross Street Christian church of Little Rock is yet progressing in way of a building. I asked them to raise (during January and February) $500.00 to apply on a building, and notwithstanding the hard winter they went over the top, raising almost $600.00. I do believe they are tired of being out of doors.

Their zealously and hard work has made it possible for us to begin a building and perhaps we this is in print we will be working on its foundation.

We lament very much the accident that happened to Brother I. W. Dean who perhaps will lose an eye from a kick at the M. O. P. shops. We hope not however. Brother Dean is one of our red letter members.

You shall hear from me ere long.

Yours in His service,

M. M. BOSTICK, Pastor.
AS THE EDITOR SEES IT
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It may be seen, with the foregoing thought in mind, that a little dissatisfaction is sometimes a good “tonic” for us. It is possible to be too contented for one’s personal interests. However, dissatisfaction should be reinforced with ability, competence, good home-made humor (not the cold-storage brand), courtesy, generosity, adaptability, flexibility, infinite patience with an abundance of love sandwiched in between.

“IN COUNSEL.—SAFETY”

“Without counsel purposes are dissipated; but in the multitudes of counsellors there is safety.”

Few men can achieve success unaided; as a rule, the more responsibility one takes upon himself, and responsibility is usually taken or assumed rather than given, the more and more dependent he becomes upon those below him. Men who attain great success are ably supplemented by the right kind of subordinates. Frequently able subordinates are capable and sometimes “guilty” of thinking for themselves. This need not generate friction. There can be both perfect frankness and courtesy, politeness and manliness. A dose of good humor will make our frankness more assimilable. Let us be frank and face facts, but also let us be Christ-like.

Through counsel we can avoid much duplication of effort and overlapping of programs, work out a schedule of mutual service, delegate responsibilities, establish sympathetic understanding and bring about hearty cooperation and thus attain, with a much greater degree of certainty, many of our goals.

Increased Gifts Needed

It is distressing to note that, of all religious bodies, we, the Disciples of Christ who endeavor to follow in His foot-steps and pattern our lives after His, stand absolutely at the bottom when you come to giving money as a proof of our loyalty to the Christ. The statistics show that of 26 leading religious bodies, counting the various branches of the Baptist, Methodists and Presbyterians each as one, the Disciples rank fourth in size.

However, we are at the bottom of the list, twenty-sixth, when you come to the matter of giving. Let us state two things:

1st. There are thousands who give absolutely nothing during the entire year for the Cause they pretent to love so well. Practically two-thirds of the members of our church are not only absolutely unreported in attendance, delinquent in support and indifferent about the future of the church. In other words: they are “shirkers”, “parasites”, just anything you wish to call them except Christians. These are the folk whom are most displeased in every church. They seek “something for nothing” and never seem to know when they get it. To please them is impossible and it is sure folly to try. Much could be said to the everlasting credit of the church along this line.

Our records prove that the above conditions exist with individual churches as well as with individual members. That is to say, our churches are not setting very good examples for their own members. This is the tragedy of it.

Many of our best churches, as far as numbers and potential possibilities are concerned, are isolated, morooned within themselves. Many of them are not even endeavoring to reach their own communities with an effective program. They haven’t a program for themselves nor any group of people about them. Is it any wonder these churches do not make progress? “People who try to get a handle on and soon go into ‘Spiritual Bankruptcy.’” There are two ways out of this predicament: One is to work out an adequate program to meet the needs of their respective communities in which the church is located. The other is to give the church a Passion for Missions.

Empty Formalism Ineffective

Most Disciples are fully aware of the importance of rightly entering the Kingdom. Sufficient emphasis has been laid on faith, repentance, confession and baptism. We know and admit the importance of these and the precise order of their sequence, but, does “true and undefiled religion before God” stop at this point?

The number of us who think that “good, old-time religion,” after having taken the preliminary steps, consists in going to church on Sunday, paying meager dues, and partaking of the communion,—the number who think this way are far too many! We just simply must not permit ourselves to utterly forget the life and service enjoyed by the teachings of Jesus. Religion to too many of us is mere empty formalism, even as was true with the Jews in the days of Jesus.

Regardless of our soundness in Doctrine, our Scriptural relationship to the rest of the religious world, or how securely we may think we have gotten into the Kingdom, how snugly our conventional garb of outward performance of church duties may fit us, if we are unwilling (deep down in the secret recesses of our hearts), within the reasonable limits of our abilities to measure — up to the full requirements of the teachings of Jesus and “meet the obligations of real service which Christianity imposes upon us, of which giving is a vital part, then we simply haven’t the spirit of Christ. The basic fact to be remembered is that life and all its possessions have come from God and common honesty requires us to return a part of it to Him for the support of His work among men.”

Christ Manifested in Lives

2nd. Our main trouble seems to be that most of us are living under too high a pressure with increasing and exacting demands in this day of the airplane, radio, international telephone, automobile, many forms of commercialized entertainment and countless other distractions. The combined demands of making a living and the wild rush for entertainment and pleasure are overshadowing the idea of making a life count for Christ. The Christ who came that our own lives might be fuller and richer; indeed that we might have the “more abundant life” is being crowded entirely out of our lives.

If the religion of our Lord, Christianity itself, means anything at all to us, if it is not a mere sham and pretense, if it is what the present conditions should be a real challenge to those of us who love the Christ to accept our Christian responsibilities. Christianity is not a religion of yesterday. It is a living, vital religion for the present, today, with its needs and problems; clashes of creeds and conflicts of races.

(To be concluded May 1st issue)
To the members of Our Churches:

The United Christian Missionary Society has reached a period in its history when immediate enlargement is imperative. The increased cost of operating at home and abroad, the urgent demand for expansion in every field, and the momentum by which it is caught up and swept on by the spirit of the time in which we live renders it powerless to fill its mission and imperils its existence unless reinforcements are forthcoming at once.

The Society has a definite mission to preach the gospel to the whole world. This is the task which it is summoned and for which alone it is equipped. Not its duty to define a creed or fix a faith. Its duty rather to present the picture of Christ's advancing Kingdom, a story more thrilling and more significant than any epic which the mind of man has conceived.

Our shibboleths must not stand in the way of the massing of all forces for the world's evangelization, nor must any barrier, however great, prevent the fulfilling of this mission. Retreat and compromise are forever impossible. Universal conquest or abject surrender are the only alternatives. The land has been surveyed, the field is mapped out, the strategic positions have been chosen. Trained workers are in the field and the hour has come for the signal of swift advance along the whole front. A clear ringing challenge has come to the Disciples at home to match the courage of those on the firing lines of the world's frontier horizons.

William Carey said, "I will go down into the well if you will hold the rope." Our own undaunted and irresistible Doctor Shelton stood on the rim of the world and said, "Come on, boys." And a greater than these has said, "Go ye into all the world," and "Lo, I am with you always." Shall we, the Disciples of Christ in this God-blessed America, turn a deaf ear to this challenging call? Have we the faith and courage of our fathers, whose heroic self-sacrifice has made possible our rich heritage? Will we go up at once and take the land or will it be necessary for God to raise up another people to carry out the great commission of our Lord?

As plain as were the signs that culminated in the advent of our Lord, so clear are the facts that God has given to the Disciples of today the challenging summons, the divine call and the glorious opportunity to win the world for our Redeemer. We have the message. We have the men. We have the money. Why is it that we do not advance at the command of our conquering hero and take the world for God?

This mission work is a matter of money and money does not come without pressure. Love is the pressure we need. Nothing is too hard for love. Love plans and plods and prays and succeeds when everything else fails. Love can pay our debts and keep them paid. We may not figure out how, but love knows how and will do it. Oh, that a genuine revival of old-time religion might sweep through our hearts. Then our troubles at home and abroad would soon be at an end. It leads men to prayer and pay for the coming Kingdom of our Lord.

If we could get close to God that our hearts would be warmed by divine love this generation would see the gospel preached throughout the world.

Brethren, this is God's work. It will be done some day. God means that it shall be done. He does not sit behind a veil of second causes, careless of His

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(Statement made in an Executive Report to the Executive Committee of the United Christian Missionary Society, at its March 1929 meeting.)

The urge of the proposed Self-Denial Week is beginning to assert itself. The strong statement of the executive committee, authorized at the last meeting, has been sent out. The undertaking has brought a helpful spiritual note into the special prayer services and other meetings at headquarters. The personal fellowship and participation at the mission rooms in the self-denial commitments, has been both reverent and joyous and the response from the field force here in America is showing the same spirit. Last November a letter was sent to all the distant mission fields mentioning the tentative plans for Self-Denial Week and recently a cable has gone to each field, telling of the call of the executive committee and setting forth the very serious financial needs. Already there have been earnest responses from many quarters. The two stations in Mexico have begun plans for Self-Denial Week both in Churches and Schools. The congregation at Bolenge, Africa, has begun months ahead to plan its participation. The matter has caught fire in India, in spite of semi-famine conditions. In some cases this will mean laying aside a portion of the regular food supply each day. The need of the mother Society in the face of her great world responsibilities is stirring the hearts of her children across the world. The correspondence and conferences with the pastors on the part of the promotional department has just begun. The response has been immediate and enthusiastic.

Mr. McCormick is sending a statement to the churches which frankly tells of the destruction which will come to the work (Continued on page two, col. 3.)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CRITICAL NEED OF MISSIONARY WORK
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world. He is here. He will go with us as we go. The gospel must be preached throughout all the earth. And it will be done as soon as we learn to love.

Victory is certain. Of this there is no doubt. The word of the Omnipotent God is pledged to this world. The question for us is, “Shall we have part in the rejoicing of that hour?” We are passing through the acid test today. Are we willing to drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism?

At this critical moment, when tremendous responsibilities confront us as members of the executive committee, we appeal first of all, to the ministers of this great Brotherhood—as faithful a body of men as ever lived. They are the ambassadors of Christ world. He is here. He will go and share with us the responsibility of this task. A clarion blast from the pulpits of America would awaken the sleeping and shake the world for God.

A week of self-denial has been appointed—April 28 to May 5.

Every secretary and the entire office force of the United Society, and every member of the executive committee will have part in the offering of this week. The Disciples of Christ, to the last man, woman and child, are asked to share in the sacrifice which the hour demands. Souls are dying without Christ. Missionaries have given up all to carry the bread of life to the starving millions. “The fields are white unto harvest.” The challenge is impelling. Shall we accept it, or shall we be found wanting? Jesus expects every Disciple among us to do his duty. Let us not disappoint Him. The answer to this challenge may set the destiny of nations and decide the fate of the Disciples of Christ. “The victory may depend on you.”

Every member of the Church asked to observe it!

an hour and a quarter of helpful Christian Endeavor expressional activity.

The service element of C. E. will appear in a later article.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION
By J. B. Lehman

Not Rights, But Obligations; Not Privileges, But Duty

“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.”

No race of people have ever been thrust into such a strategic position as are the Negroes of America. When they came to America, unwillingly it is true, they were thrust into the best of our common labor, farming. When they were freed they were thrust on the right side of the controverted questions, the missionary side of our problems. When they were given their citizenship they were thrust into civilization building, the work of building schools. Now when they are entering the third generation of freedom they are thrust into the great moral problems of our day, prohibition and outlawry of war. It seemed that the elements of nature were battling for them.

Now what greater folly could be committed than for the educated Christian Negro to begin to battle for his rights? It looks like a desecration of divine privileges. Let the Negroes of America forget the word rights and begin to discharge his duty in the things where he is free to act, and the next generation will see him among the great of the earth. The American Negro who has had the benefits of the Missionary School has on him tremendous obligations and if he discharges them no power under heaven can keep him from greatness. But if he neglects them, and begins to clamor for rights, he will slip back in the scale where it will take centuries for him to extricate himself.

The Negro now has a monopoly of the common labor. This insures him a strong physical being and a skill in the arts that has made other nations strong. For nearly forty years, schools like Tuskegee, Utica, and S. C. I. have held farmers' meetings to direct the attention of the people to these fundamental things of life. But the fruit from these meetings was never abundant. The people mistrusted that it was a means of keeping something from them that they needed. A few profited, but only a few. If they had gone to work ‘n dead earnest they could by now be so skillful in farming that they could just shake a stick at the ground and it would yield abundantly. If they had saved their money in bank accounts they would now be able to buy up millions of acres that does not yield enough by the old plantation method to pay the taxes. Ten thousand acres of the best land about Edwards can now be bought by colored farmers.

There is a kind of right that makes a man all powerful and no man can take it from him. It is not political rights, not even civic rights. It is the right that comes to a man who can do what the world needs and cannot get elsewhere. Why are we talking so much about Mahatma Gandhi? He is swaying the minds of two hundred millions of people and yet he has no political rights. Why was it that the whole civilized world knew more of Booker T. Washington than it knew of Theodore Roosevelt? He was doing a job that no one else seemed to be able to do. If the American Negro now throws himself into the task of making America great in the things that God calls great—and he has abundant opportunity to do it—he will not need to worry about rights. Before me hangs a picture showing the Jews clamoring for the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus had no rights at all there, but he was making himself master of all mankind. The man who clamors for rights for rights’ sake, loses them. The man who fulfills his obligations is gaining a right that transcends all human rights. The man who does his duty in the things where he can act need not seek for privileges. The longest way around is often the shortest way home. Just now many of our papers are crying out against the president’s policy of reorganizing the party in the South. They are mistaken. A reorganized party, such as he makes, does not contemplate existing long without coming to all the people irrespective of race for aid. Moses seemed to be going against his interests when he renounced his inheritance of the Pharaohs, but he inherited a kingdom of such greatness that the Pharaohs would now be entirely forgotten if it had not been for Moses. What we now need is unselfish service for mankind. We must make a better world to hand to our children than our fathers handed to us.

GENUINE SPRINGTIME IS DOING ITS BEST

The Griffins, Bowers, Hughes and Magewane
Are making the thing go round and round
The 12 h. Street Church put the battle on
And called to their aid a Kentucky Son.

This loyal crew the vision see
And the Master will give us victory

The City Folk as the cities do
Have “a thousand and one” useless things to do.

I’m chasing you, while you chase me
Like squirrels round the old oak tree

If one could stop and “ketch” his breath
But doubtless he would get “done to death.”

We might somehow evade this thing
Of speeding up in this endless ring.

But “monget it all we find the time
To deliver the message and pen this rhyme.

The Washington people are a generous band
Showing utmost respect to the “Out of Town Man.”

C. H. Dickerson.

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Self-Denial Week and Nearness to God

No call is more needed by our churches than a call for self-denial. Everyone who has given the self-denial week, April 28 to May 5, serious consideration has been impressed by its spiritual value. There has been a general feeling that the members of our churches need to be brought face to face with a call to real and definite sacrifice. Of course, many will not heed this call any more than they will heed the call to remember Christ week by week at the Bible school workers, missionary organization leaders and ministers who will unite with the 2,500 workers of the United Society family and with the Executive Committee to make a deep and vital impression on the life of our brotherhood. In addition to these, right in the heart of the churches of our brotherhood there are literally hundreds of consecrated men and women not having official position who will join with their leaders in this. They will loyally face the question as to whether or not they will rather maintain the preaching of the gospel of Christ at home and abroad than to have some of the luxuries and even some of the necessities in their homes and lives. The observance of this period of self-denial will mean that the membership of our church will be drawn nearer to the Master who says, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Disciples of Christ Dare Not Fail Now

The missionary and benevolent enterprises of the Disciples of Christ carried on through the United Christian Missionary Society are in great danger because of two conditions: Increased Cost of Work

First, this work has grown and thus becomes more expensive since it was taken over from the six old boards. And then the cost of carrying on the same sized piece of work has increased not only in the home land but on every foreign field. High cost has hit everywhere.

Insufficient Receipts and Increased Deficit

At the same time the receipts for this work have increased only slightly. Feeling certain that our people, if they knew the need, would not want to beat a retreat and abandon work that had been built up across the years at the cost of much money and human life, the executive committee of the United Society borrowed funds to continue the work until our people could be acquainted with the facts. But this course cannot be pursued any further lest the deficit become a burden that will break the morale of the workers.

Self-Denial May Save Soul of Brotherhood

Because of the generous gifts from lack of sufficient funds the period from April 28 to May 5 has been designated as Self-Denial Week, when special sacrificial gifts will be made to save Christ's work. This self-denial appeal was sent first to the 2,500 workers of the Society round the world, and they are making a most cheerful and generous response from both home and foreign fields. All secretaries and other officers of the Society headquarters group signed a self-denial fellow workers' covenant to give a week's salary—some going even beyond this—and as a result there is already heard a new note of more joyous living and deeper spiritual experience among those folk at the Missions Building in Indianapolis. Like results will certainly follow throughout the brotherhood in proportion as our people deny themselves in order to meet the desperate needs of Christ's cause. And unquestionably our souls are in as great need of sacrificial fellowship with Him as the kingdom is of the funds we can thus provide.

We lacked $138,000 of being able to care for our work during the missionary year ending June 30, 1928. We, therefore, had to borrow that much and add it to the deficit in the general fund. Our financial report as of January 1, 1929, indicates that we shall receive $30,000 less this year from released bequests, either directly or through the old boards. In addition, we must carry the added interest charge on the $138,000 borrowed. This indicates that we shall need $175,000 increase in receipts this year.

July 1, 1928, we cut the work $114,000. If we cut an additional $175,000 this year, it will mean a total cut of $289,000 in two years. It was difficult to the point of sacrifice, both of money and of life, to build up this work.

What such drastic cutting of the work would mean:

Consider what the cut would mean if it were made in one department. For example, if the $289,000 were cut from our foreign work, it would mean the closing of:

All of our work in Africa... $88,789.91
All of our work in India... 138,968.11
All of our work in South America... 44,369.08

and yet the cut would not be completed. This would mean the recalling of every missionary, the dismissal of every native worker, the turning back of the children in our orphanages and schools to non-Christian influence.

To illustrate further, if we were to cut $289,000 out of our Home Mission and Benevolent work, it would mean the cutting off of:

Our Church Maintenance... $32,593.71
Our Jarvis Christian Institute... 24,449.41
Our Southern Christian Institute... 18,490.04
Our Japanese work... 13,751.48
Our Mexican work... 17,156.75
Our Indian work... 10,035.25
Our Evangelistic program... 14,269.59
Our St. Louis Christian Orphans' Home... 44,083.44
Our Cleveland Christian Home... 27,638.16
Our Colorado Christian Home... 8,976.40
Our Juliette Fowler Home... 3,041.76

Even so, the cut would not be completed by this wholesale destruction of our work.

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WOODLAND AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WOMAN'S DAY was observed Sunday, March 1st with three special programs promoted by the Willing Workers Club. A Sew Rally was the feature of the day. The collection amounted to $151.20.

The Bible School gave a St. Patrick's Day party at the home of Miss Martha Jackson. Guests were given Irish names and Irish games were played and enjoyed by all.

A pageant on the suffering Savior was given on Sunday evening, March 17th. This service culminated a series of sermons preached by Elder Craggett on 'The Cross of Christ'. The Missionary Society observed Easter week of prayer. On Wednesday Elder Gray preached; the meeting was well attended and full of interest.

The rain and storm did not keep the "faithful few" from attending the Sunrise prayer meeting which was enjoyed by all. The church was beautifully decorated by the teachers of the Bible School.

After two weeks' stay in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the Kenyon Avenue Christian Church in a revival meeting we were glad to welcome our pastor home. In the absence of the pastor, Elder Sparks and Elder Gray preached.

The Missionary Society presented the Cecilia Quartet in its first public program on April 5th at the church. A very pleasing program was rendered. Special features were: The Sinner and the Song, in which several members of the Missionary took part. It was well rendered and well received. The members of the quartette are: Mrs. Nettie Jackson, Mrs. Katherine Jones, Mrs. Josephine Brashears, and Mrs. Ina Giles.

Men's day was observed Sunday, April 14th. Three special programs were planned; the Men's chorus sang. A number of men from other churches sang with the men of our church. Mr. William Jones directed the choruses. Elder G. R. Terry, pastor of the Church in Mayfield, Ky., was a visitor.

Visitors Sunday, April 10th: Elder William Alphin, of the church in St. Louis spent the day with his wife and mother last month. Members and friends were glad to greet these visitors.

Our Evangelistic Meeting began on April 15th. Elder R. H. Davis, pastor of the Kenyon Avenue Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, is doing the preaching.

The evening services brought to a close one of our greatest days with a soul-stirring message by Dr. Taylor. Many wept audibly for joy. Our total offering for these 3 days' efforts was $86.00. We wish to thank our friends and members who gave us such selfless and loyal support and pray God's blessings on the Church and our wonderful pastor. May he live long and do much good.

BLUEFIELD, WEST VA.

Elder I. H. Smith, Pastor

Our work at the Second Christian Church moved on nicely. Prof. P. H. Moss and Miss Bessie Chandler visited our town and church the 10th and 11th of March. Their addresses stirred our churches and Sunday schools. Prof. Moss preached for the Second (Concluded on page seven, col. 1)
AN APPEAL FOR MISSIONS

We are exceedingly anxious to have each member receive this great appeal as a personal request to the extent that he will feel responsible for the success or failure of this effort on the part of the Brotherhood.

The successful maintenance of our entire work including our schools—Jravins, Piedmont, S. C. L., Lincoln Ridge Bible Chair, Christian Evangelistic Program, our Missionary Pastoral Program for weak churches, the successful operation of The Christian Plea and all of our Mission work both at home and abroad depends upon your Self Denial Gift.

This bit of information will doubtless help you to realize what your gift will do for Christ and help send the gospel to the ends of the earth:

$100.00 will support a native teacher in Tibet or a native evangelist in Africa two years.

$50.00 will preach the Gospel in Africa, support an orphan or Bible woman in Africa or India, keep a boy or girl in school in Africa for one year.

$10.00 will give a fidelity share in the operation of Jarvis Christian College, Southern Christian Institute, Piedmont Christian Institute, Bible chair, Lincoln Ridge, Ky., or a mountain school, or in any of our work in the home or foreign field.

$5.00 will support an orphan or native evangelist in Africa or India for 36 days, keep a boy or girl in school in Africa for a month, or provide loving care for an aged person or orphan in the home land for a week.

$1.00 will preach the Gospel in Africa, support an orphan in Africa or India, or a nurse in India for 1 week support a bed in a hospital in any field, a stereoptican in Japan, or medical assistant in Africa for 2 weeks, or furnish food for 1 person in an orphanage or home for the aged for 5 days, or it will cure a case of yaws.

SELF DENIAL WEEK

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Of course, this cut would not be made in one department. The $114,000 cut already made did not close a mission field, an orphan's home or a home missionary institution. It did close institutions on the mission fields, call home missionaries, turn away aged persons and close the door on orphan children.

From the beginning it has been necessary to borrow to carry on the work. On July 1, 1924, the deficit in the general fund amounted to $356,000. The deficit campaign reduced this to $141,000, but by July 1, 1928, it had increased to $498,000. This is a net increase of $142,000 in the past four years. It is true that it has taken nine years for the deficit to grow to a net of $498,000 as of July 1. It is true that part of this deficit was inherited from the old boards. It is true that this deficit was created in earning for the work of six national boards having assets of over $12,000,000. It is true that it is not as large a deficit as the deficits carried by the missionary boards of other churches. But it is just as true that this deficit is deadening in its effect on the work. The work can not go forward carrying such a heavy weight. Surely a prayerful consideration of the needs of the work would lead one to feel that another cent should be added to the deficit intentionally.

To meet this serious situation, our present Executive Committee voted to issue a call to our people to observe the week of April 28 to May 5 as Self Denial Week. The secretaries of the Society and the Executive Committee are themselves leading out in this self-denial by contributing a week's income. Already the call has gone out to the entire United Society family of workers around the world and the response has been instant and enthusiastic. One missionary sent in a check for $100.00 and asked that in addition to a month's salary be applied to this self-denial program. Another missionary is contributing two months' income. One of our workers in America, who had heard about this, wrote in: "I am so happy to hear of the plan for Self Denial Week. I am asking that you see that $50.00 is pledged for me." This is almost two weeks' income for this worker.

This self-denial must be an individual matter:

Self denial must not be made a church, a Sunday school, a woman's society, a Christian Endeavor, or an organizational matter of any kind. It is an individual matter. Will you as an individual, enter into this self-denial fellowship? It must be real self denial. It must be over and above all your other giving if it is to help. Are you ready to give up some luxury, or even some necessity, that Christ's work may be sustained? The question is, do I, in my heart, believe that it is more important to keep the gospel of Christ going than I have some of the things which I do have in my home and life? Jesus said "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Are you as an individual, ready to follow?

Many will fellowship with Christ in this self-denial.

It is true, some will not follow. Some will not heed Christ's invitation to remember Him at the table of the Lord. Many will follow. There are enough Bible School workers, woman's workers and ministers who will join the 2,300 United Society workers and the Executive Committee in this fellowship of self-denial to make sure that our work will not be destroyed. Also, there are a sufficient number of consecrated members in our churches who are not in places of leadership who will enter heartily into this self-denial to save the work if they know the facts.

The Greatest Christian Joy

Here is a testimony of one who has already entered into the fellowship. He says, "When this proposition came to me as an individual, I thought about the matter and faced my Christ, I was led to go far beyond the week and I found great pleasure in this giving. My experience leads me to believe that there is spiritual joy and spiritual culture for any man or any woman who will face the entering into this fellowship with a true and loyal heart and who in spite of obstacles and personal problems, which are many and great, will win through to victory for Christ. This self-denial for the sake of our work, widely entered into, will bring a spiritual blessing to our brotherhood.

Having Joined, Will You Share With Others?

Having joined the fellowship, will you pass on the information to others? Will you ask the members of your family to join, the members of your church to join? Will you write to your friends, wherever they may be, and give them the opportunity which has come to you, and many the joy that passes understanding be yours and may the love and fellowship of Christ, whose you are and whom you serve, be with and abide with you and yours in all your way.

United Christian Missionary Society.

Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.
NEWS ITEMS CONTINUED

BLUEFIELD, WEST VA.
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Church, of which I am pastor, at 11 o'clock bringing a great message. At the same hour Miss Bessie Chandler addressed the Sunday School and church of which Brother M. C. Chambers is pastor. Both of the distinguished visitors spoke at the Second Church, in the afternoon, to a large crowd.

They visited South Bluefield Christian Church in the evening. Monday they left for Tazewell, Va., visiting the Midway Church of Christ, of which our good friend, Brother G. M. Dickerson is pastor. There the visitors stirred the church. From Tazewell they took train for Floyd, Va. This community will not soon forget these messengers. They did not have Pennbrooke on their visiting list this trip.

We organized a group meeting among these churches on the 6th day of December 1928, at the Graham Church, S. H. Smith, President, Elder M. C. Chambers, vice president; Sister Ocie M. Preas, secretary; Elder C. M. Dickerson, treasurer; Elder G. M. Dickerson, business manager and Field agent. The meetings have been arranged to meet quarterly at the different church es in this community. The purpose of the organization is to evangelize the community, re-open closed church doors, revive the sleepy and uninterested churches, and to help encourage each church and preacher in his field. Our first regular meeting was with the church at Tazewell. We had a good meeting and we were well entertained. Our next meeting will be held at Second Church, Bluefield, W. Va., April 17th instant.

The Second Church will begin the revival on the 12th of May. We would suggest that the Christian Plea carry the names and addresses of the pastors so when someone wants to correspond with them it could be done. I would like to get the address of Elder R. E. Hancock, whom I have written twice at Covington, Ky., but can't hear from him. I shall be glad to make reports of this field from time to time to the Plea. I shall soon send in my subscription to it.

When you drop down our way, whether you are member, preacher or friend, stop at the Second Christian Church, 201 Reese Street, Bluefield, W. Va., We live right at the church. If any members visiting this city from any of our churches, we would ask their home pastor to notify them to visit our churches and services. If any are living here notify me of their location and advise them to fall in line with the church.

JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS
Bolton Street Christian Church
Dr. G. W. Taylor, Pastor
Miss Viola Spencer, Reporter

Our church is finding its way to timely success under the leadership of its present pastor, Dr. G. W. Taylor, who is a very efficient and capable preacher. He has a little band of faithful co-workers. We have put on a great financial drive headed up by Elder Julius Henry. Our drive began March 12-17.

The pastors and good membership of the two Baptist and Presbyterian churches gave us a splendid support. These churches are under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Skoff, McDowell and G. W. Sessions of the Presbyterian church, Miss Dorothy Mac Holt of the F. D. High School. Miss Holt was Mistress of ceremonies. Sunday brought our efforts to a close with fine attendance and interest manifested throughout the day. The Bible School was unusually good in attendance, interest and $5.89 offering.

At 11 A. M. the pastor occupied the pulpit to great credit to himself and his hearers. Two were added. At 3:30 Dr. Holmes of the white Christian Church brought us a great message which filled our hearts to over-flowing. He also gave us a liberal donation.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS
From Missionary Circle

Dear Editor:

I am glad to have a chance to say a word in The Christian Plea:

Jesus said: "I came not to call the Righteous, but sinners to repentance." When the enemies of Jesus said he was a sinner's friend, they meant to cast reproach upon him but they unintentionally spoke a gracious truth. Jesus always had a good word for the sinner. He was the sinner's friend. He was constantly found befriending erring man, a helper of the weak, a lover of the out-cast. Jesus did not come seeking the Righteous the wise nor the great all of whom are satisfied with themselves, but they came seeking to save those who were OUT-CASTS, whose lives were miserable wretches who had drifted upon the treacherous sea of time who had been thrown away by a hypocritical world.

After all love is best measured by the sacrifices it makes. The love of Jesus was measured by "the old rugged cross" of Calvary. He did not commission some one else, but came himself and gave His life for the life of the world. He died for sinners, so sought every Christian be willing to give of his substance, his means, time energies and very life for soul-sav ing.

S. C. I.
NEWS NOTES

The Baseball team has won only half of its games to date. The first two were played with Piney Woods and were easy wins. The second two games were played at Alcorn. Alcorn was at least worried, and was glad she had her former professional pitcher back in school.

Professor Long and President Lehman represented Mt. Beulah at the Religious Workers' Conference held at Tuskegee University recently. Nearly fifty Negro schools were represented from all over the country. President Leh man prepared a paper at one of the sessions which was very well received. Professor Long preached in the pulpit of Brother Preston Taylor at his Sunday morning services.

Beulah is the name of our new bus. She is a Chevrolet truck with a very attractive enclosed body on it which we built on our own campus. It made its first trip when the boys went to Alcorn.

We are very happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frost are members of the faculty now. The annex has been remodeled by them into a very comfortable home. Edward and J. are enrolled in school. Mrs. Frost has charge of the garden, ivo cattle and the hogs.

The choir presented a very beautiful musical program at the morning church service on Easter Sunday. They went to the Friendship Baptist church that evening and gave the same program to a very large and appreciative audience.

The Mt. Beulah Orchestra is making splendid progress under the excellent direction of Professor Klaiss. There are seventeen pieces in the orchestra at the present time. Most of the players were unable to play a note at the beginning of the year. Professor Klaiss plays the violin real well, and has played it and other instruments in several orchestras and bands. We are fortunate in having him to develop our organization for us.

The Missionary organization under the direction of Mrs. Hobart entertained its members at an unusually attractive social event recently. The social was held in the Home Economic rooms which were very beautifully decorated for the occasion. A number of interesting missionary games were played. When refreshments were served we had to go to Africa, China and Japan to get them. Booths in three corners represented these countries, and

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MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 21 was a high day at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church of which Elder Blair T. Hunt is pastor.

Prof. J. B. Lehman, president of the Southern Christian Institute, Edward, Miss., was a very distinguished guest at the morning service, and brought to the congregation the message of the hour, which needless to say, was timely and eloquently delivered.

The attendance was good, and the excellent music rendered by the choir lifted one to great spiritual heights.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
Sister S. L. Bostick, Reporter
DEAR EDITOR:

We wish to say to all who are interested in the North Little Rock Church that we are now looking forward to owning a fine house of worship. We have been looking forward to a building for many years. Several efforts to build have failed. Finally Eld. M. M. Bostick has succeeded in organizing the membership into two clubs led by Elder Sash and Elder M. M. Bostick as Captains. The goal was $500.00. The early returns showed $555.00 had been raised. No one doubts the complete success of our Campaign.

Our Easter week of prayer was a wonderful success and was greatly enjoyed by all the churches taking a part in it. The good women of the various churches manifested great interest. We observed the “Sun Rise prayer and meeting” on Lord’s Day morning. This gave us a fine start for the day and made it possible for us to carry out our program successfully. Brother J. W. Williams was at his best at the 11:00 services. He spoke of the greatness of the love manifested on this day. The early Disciples were not afraid because they knew God was with them. This is the only way for us to succeed. We must have God with us, then too, we will be unafraid.

The offering for the Society was $8.00 the General Fund $2.00 plus a pledge of $3.25 making a total of $12.25. Those who gave were as follows: Mrs. S. L. Bostick $1.15; Eld. J. W. Williams $1.00; Brother John Harris, S. ters Rosa Honey and Sarah Beeson and Brother Cooper Hill each gave $1.00. Several others gave from 35 cents down to 10 cents making a grand total of $8.00. We have a small congregation but they are faithful workers and we are proud of them. Brother R. S. Ashe and family led the church offering a very fine sacrificial spirit. Let others do as they have done,—that is, sacrifice for the Cause.

SCOTT, ARK.
Mrs. T. R. Moore, Reporter
On Easter Day the Oak Grove Christian Church, number 2, had quite an enjoyable time. Our Sunday School was conducted by Brother T. R. Moore, the superintendent at the usual hour, after which we received an interesting sermon. The offering was $6.52.

The Easter Program was conducted by the writer. It was considered very fitting for the day. Two of our special musical numbers were: A chorus “He arose from the Dead” and a duett, “They Crucified My Savior and Nailed Him to the Cross.” Quite a number witnessed the program and everyone went away seemingly much benefited.

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE
W. Main Street Church
Elder S. Kennly, Pastor
We are glad to report our church is in a very prosperous condition. Our newly chosen pastor, Elder S. Kennly, of Winston Salem, N. C., has the work well in hand and all departments are moving along nicely.

We have just closed a two hundred dollar drive in which we went over the top. Messiahs Sarah Stewart and Mamie Taylor were the hunting leaders who led the church over the top.

The Women’s Missionary Society, Mrs. W. A. Scott, president, is now pushing its program. They successfully sponsored the observance of the National Negro Health Week, in a city wide program including representatives of all churches, schools and uplift organizations. It also included city and health workers, and the Red Cross nurse. It was indeed a great meeting, full of information and interest.

The Willing Workers Club, Mrs. Spurgeon, President, is doing a splendid work.

Elder A. J. Washington of Winston-Salem, occupied the pulpit all day Sunday in the absence of the pastor. The congregation enjoyed his sermons and hopes he will return again soon.

CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
St. Louis, Mo.
The entertainment given by the Sunday School was quite a success. The scriptural cake alone netted quite a bit.
The Ladies’ Aid was entertained by Mrs. Ruth Flowers. The Sunday School Worker’s conference was well attended. Easter program was arranged and successfully carried out.

Sunday was family day; the weather was veiy inclement, still each family was well represented.

Deacon’s day program was well carried out. Young Deacon Lyons made the best financial report and Deacon Flowers the best attendance report.

Our Women’s Day program went over the top both financially and in attendance. How we did make the men ashamed! We were glad to have Prof. Bogus, one of the teachers in Vashon High School to take membership with us. Our pastor spent a few days in Kansas City with his family. Quite a few visitors worshipped with us on last Lord’s Day.

W. M. Alphin, Pastor,
A. F. M. techel, Reporter.

BRISTOL, TENN.
Elder G. C. Dyre, Pastor
We were glad to have Elder D. W. Bradley of Rogerville, Tenn., pay us a visit. He delivered a most excellent sermon. It greatly helped the church at large.

Brother Bradley received a minister and his good wife into the fellowship and service of the church. He was also ordained and is now pastoring the church and is doing a great work.

The auxiliaries of the church are doing splendid work. The Men’s Individual Club, The Home Mission Club and the young folk of the Christian Endeavor are combining their efforts to put over a great program for Christ and His Church.

“Where there is work that must be done Where there is a cause that must be won To our churches we must go Where love and charity overflow And they never answer No.”

JONESBORO, TENN.
Elder E. M. Hale, Pastor
Bethel Christian Church ‘s progressing nicely under the pastorate of Elder E. M. Hale.

Mr. John Latture is the leading spirit in their great big Sunday School of which they are all justly proud.

S. C. I. NEWS NOTES
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CHRIST MANIFESTED IN LIVES

To our utter amazement we find that the church of the true and living God is hardly able to hold its own today, and in some instances it is not. This is not due to any inherent weakness in the basic principles of Christianity. Nor is it because our ministers as a whole lack ability, zeal and spirituality. In the final analysis responsibility for the failure must be largely borne by the laity who refuse to take Christianity seriously. The early Disciples of Jesus were no less human than we; they too were plain folk with living expenses. They differed with us in but one particular; once they knew what Jesus wanted them to do they at once set about doing it. Our best proof of our loyalty to Christ is the way we "Keep His Commands."

How Our Money is Spent

The following figures and facts appeared in the Educational Digest which made a survey and stated:

Out of every $100.00 spent in this county:

$24.50 goes for the necessary living expenses.
$22.00 goes for luxuries.
$11.00 goes for investments and savings.
$13.50 goes for miscellaneous things.
$14.00 is absolutely wasted.
$8.25 goes for the punishment of crime.
$4.50 goes for government expenses, local, state and National.
$1.50 goes for our schools.
$.75 goes to support the church.

From the above figures and facts we conclude three things:

First,—The church does exceptionally well for the kind of members it has and the type of support it gets from its members.

Second,—Our monies do not begin to match the importance and scope of the work the church is doing.

Third,—We get money for the things that do not for the time being, interest us. The church is not a beggar fit to receive only the crumbs that fall from our tables. Instead, it is the preferred creditor of every person in its membership roll. The Kingdom of God comes first because it is first. It is the most important consideration in human life. We owe more to the Church for what we are, we have and hope to become than we owe to any other institution including home.

Fruits of Christianity

All about us may be seen the results of Christianity and the influence of the church:

War is now outlawed by 58 nations;

The spirit of friendship is growing in the hearts of men;

Education is being fostered everywhere;

Science is leading to an understanding and invention is teaching us to use it for the benefit of mankind.

The growth of the church in the U. S. is more rapid than the growth of the population.

There are now 700,000,000 Christians in the world, or nearly half of the human race.

There are missionaries of Christ in every land of the known world. Our giving is increasing, though it is still inadequate to meet the needs. Last year $2,330,000,000 were given for religious, educational and charitable purposes.

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CONVENTION NOTICE!

The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ will convene in their thirtieth Annual meeting, beginning Monday, August 26, 1929 in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This session will continue through the first Lord's day in September.

There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one.

The program committee is arranging a most entertaining and attractive program. There will be excellent reports, inspiring addresses, instructive conferences, happy banquet hours and a plenty of heart-warming fellowship.

In the selection of a place of meeting, Winston-Salem, (the twin city) will prove to be idealistic. The distance is in reach of everybody. One can go by way of Atlanta, Ga., Knoxville and Morristown, Roanoke, Va., and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City.

We have four fine congregations of our Brethren in that city, and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds.

A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.

Plan now to send your pastor and bring a big delegation to the GREATEST National Convention of the Churches of Christ.

Preston Taylor.

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PRINCE A. GRAY, JR.
Kansas City, Mo.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

A Young People's Conference is "A Week of Discovery and Training of Youth for Service in Kingdom-Building." Perhaps the most valuable part of it all, at least for the first-year student, is that of the discovery of youth.

For anyone who contemplates being a leader nothing is more necessary than a proper vision of himself. He needs first of all to know what his possibilities are. What did he inherit from his parents? What has his environment contributed that would help or hinder him as a leader? What are his needs? Where are his weak places? That doctor is most successful who is the best at diagnosing cases. Unless he knows what disease his patient has, as well as his powers of resistance, he does not know what medicine to administer to effect a cure. Any problem needs first of all to have his own case diagnosed.

Many a young person with real possibilities has proved a failure because he had no one to show him to himself, and to let him see where he needed development. Many an organization has gone on the rocks because of entrusting itself to leaders who did not know where their weaknesses were, and who thus proved poor leader.

Now one of the first and most important things done by "A Young People's Conference is to introduce the young person to himself. He is given a course in Life Evaluation which helps him to measure himself in terms of a growing Christian personality. And he doesn't come out of such a course thinking more highly of himself than he ought to think. He has discovered himself. He knows exactly where to begin and what to stress in order to train himself for real service in Kingdom-Building.

If the Conference did nothing more that this the churches could still not afford to fail to have their best young people attend. But they do more. The Conference not only shows young people to themselves, but it gives them a training that will help them to correct their faults and to strengthen their good qualities. In addition to a vision of Self, it gives them a vision of God, and of the needs of his children the world over, together with the desire to make the most of their best for the sake of others.

—John Long.

THE CRITICAL NEED OF THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

(Concluded from May 1st Issue)

When the budget was framed and the year's promotional plans launched last fall, three clear facts were faced. In the first place there was a deficiency in receipts for the missionary year ending June 30, 1928, of $138,000. Second, it was realized that to again cut the budget, as was done the year before, and close work throughout the fields would be very serious, not only for the work itself, but in the reaction upon the giving of the churches. In the third place, it was felt that to allow the deficit of the Society to increase would be equally as serious. It was in full recognition of these facts that the budget was not cut, but left at the figure of the missionary year 1927-28. Parallel with the making of the budget, plans were inaugurated in promotion, so that the deficiency in giving in 1927-28 might be made up and the deficit not increased. So far this year, the receipts are practically the same as those of last year. The deficiency must be made up between now and June 30. The results of the March offering for foreign missions cannot be determined as yet. Every effort is being made for increases through the Easter and Children's Day offerings. But the hope for a large increase lies in Self-Denial Week because this is a new and added source of income, as well as a high spiritual challenge.

We must in no way forget the critical financial situation which the Society faces, especially if the income for the year is not largely increased. In that event, it will be necessary to make drastic reduction in the budget and therefore in the work. Every effort is being put forth to make up the deficiency in the giving and we have strong hope that this may be accomplished, but we must not for a moment close our eyes to the seriousness of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen J. Corey, Acting President.

(Note: Since the above was written further word has come from mission fields on Self-Denial Week as follows: "Buenos Aires national workers and missionaries cooperating"; Africa, "Heartily approved—large numbers participating"; India, "Missionaries will average probably more than weeks' wage—Indian workers and churches enlisting in spite of semi-famine conditions"; Japan, "Churches, schools workers, Sunday Schools and missionaries participating"; Philippines, "deduct $700 from next monthly payments").

NORTH CAROLINA INTERRACE MEET HEARS MOTION

Governor Presides and Extends Cordial Greetings—Addresses Broadcast White and Colored Leaders Plan Campaign

RALEIGH, N. C., May 9.—The North Carolina Interracial Commission in annual session here yesterday set as its major objectives for the coming year the discovery of conditions which need to be remedied and the more effective organization of the Interracial forces of the state to deal with these conditions. The improvement of Negro education, health, and general welfare will engage the Commission's primary interest. At the same time renewed efforts will be made to carry on a program of popular education, through the churches and otherwise, for the changing of attitudes out of which injustices grow.

 Favorable Decision in Transportation Suit

Reports were submitted indicating helpful activities in various sections of the state. The most important was that of the committee on bus transportation, stating that the lower courts have sustained the Commission's contention that buses must provide transportation for Negroes, but that the case has been appealed and is now pending in the Supreme Court. Several hundred dollars have been spent in pushing this case and a favorable verdict is confidently expected.

Churches Cooperating

Rev. 1. Harding Hughes chairman of a committee seeking the cooperation of the churches, reported that Race Relations Sunday was well observed in a number of places, that the Baptist State Convention had formally endorsed the Commission's work and appointed a committee of fifteen

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THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

In practically every institution of the land there is great unrest among the students. In many of them there are strikes of a great or less violent nature. President Hoover says we are experiencing a great crime wave that will destroy our civilization if not stopped. In many localities banks and public rolls must be guarded with armored cars and highly armed guards. Why is this so?

Many causes may be named, but we believe behind all of them is one cause, namely, the soul of youth is not anchored. We have cut loose from the fundamental truths that stabilized us. In religious matters we have two schools which are known as Fundamentalists and Modernists. The Fundamentalists are not fundamental and the Modernists are not modern. Both have assumed a title to which they are not entitled. The so-called Fundamentalists are in reality literalists and the so-called Modernists are in reality liberals. The literalists have taken a position that is utterly untenable in the presence of what science has found; and the liberals have taken a position that is utterly untenable when judged by the spiritual experience of God fearing men of all ages. The controversy between them is an utterly false issue. Both are right in their accusations of the other and both are wrong in their claims for themselves.

Now there are ways to denote in the sects of learning we are right in our judgment of our land loose from the anchorage that alone can stabilize a people; and, the crime wave is the result. If we are right in our judgement of this, then it follows that we are just in the beginning of our crime wave and what we will see in the next thirty years will make our hair stand on end. What we will see will cause great turmoils in our land. We cannot fool God. If we go wrong the consequences will be sure. We can easily repeat the experiences of the Jews in the days of the Judges. They followed a wrong course and then they fell and in their desperation they called on God and God heard them and delivered them. We are living in a very complex age and any confusion will easily throw us into a desperate situation.

Somehow, we feel that the solution to our church divisions will also be found in such situations. Some morning America will wake up with the storm breaking over its head and then a new order of things will follow. The good of all races will have to make common cause against the wicked of all races. Religious denominations will seek the fellowship of all who are sincere and ready to love those who speak better a word.

But every solution of great problems in the social realm must be found in the teaching and efforts of Godly men of the past. The propositions set forth by Christ in every instance had the germination in the seed thoughts of the prophets before that time. Without Abraham, Moses, David and Isaiah, Christ could not have preached the sermon on the mount. Every great advancement of mankind had its origin in some thing that went before.

Now if this is true, then what we are doing now in our cooperation is the building upon something further on that will be hailed as a great blessing. For example, what the Negro and white disciples of Christ are doing in cooperation is by no means the ultimate goal to be reached. What we now have is by no means perfect. In some things our cooperation is only in name, but as a seed idea, it may easily be an earnest effort of great things other generations will create. And if this is true, it behooves all of us to be most earnest in what we do. We are not building the house that is to be. We are just driving the piling down deep into the ground on which the foundation of the house is to rest. Then, if we are tempted to get angry, if an inner impulse suggests to us to be contrary or hateful, let us not yield to it. What we do may destroy the foundation for the structure five hundred years hence. And above all let us anchor our faith to the old and fundamental truths so we can stand. If others about us go into the maelstrom of criminality, let us work faithfully on.

INTER-RACE MEET

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to cooperate with it, that the Methodist Protestant Church had taken similar action, and that other important religious bodies are expected to do so.

Moton Delivers Principal Address

The day's program concluded with an interacial mass meeting which packed the Hall of Representatives in the State Capitol. Hon. Max Gardner, governor of the state, presided and delivered an address, expressing deep appreciation of the Commission's work and extending a cordial welcome to the principal speaker, Dr. Robert R. Moton, of Tuskegee Institute.

After an eloquent introductory address by Dr. E. C. Brooks, President of North Carolina State College, Dr. Moton delivered a characteristic speech, talking with perfect frankness to both racial groups and making a profound impression on the entire audience. After commenting on the remarkable progress which has been made by the Negro group in America, which he said is not matched anywhere else in the world, he made a powerful plea for the removal of such handicaps as still hinder the advancement of the race and for the extension to the group of fair opportunities to attain and achieve the best of which they are capable. The several addresses of the evening were broadcast by radio.

Many Prominent Negroes Take Part

Among the representatives of the colored group present at the Commission's meetings were Dr. S. G. Atkins, C. C. Spaulding, Dr. J. E. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McCreary, Dr. J. W. Walker, Lieutenant L. A. Oxley, Mrs. M. S. Pearson, Dr. W. H. Bruce, Prof. J. H. Johnson, Dr. Frank Avant, G. C. Shaw, Berry O'Kelly, W. S. Lee, and many others. An unexpected was Hon. E. A. Johnson, of New York City, former member of the state legislature and now a candidate for Congress from the Harlem district. Called upon for a few remarks, he warmly welcomed the Commission, which he characterized as a provincial agency for the improvement of conditions.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Chairman Dr. W. C. Jackson, vice president of North Carolina College for Women; Vice Chairman Dr. J. A. Cotton; Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. Julius Cone; assistant treasurer, Prof. J. W. Seabrook.

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CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

District No. 3

Report of the Christian Missionary Convention of District No. 3 for First Quarter, 1929, was held with the 11th Street Christian Church, 11th Street and Avenue F, Birmingham, Ala.

The Bible School opened at 9 o'clock and was presided over by the District President. Mr. A. F. Jackson. It was lively and full of enthusiasm and inspiration. We find more time needed for the Bible School work, and this we agreed to give in our next meeting.

More time and attention must be given to youth if we expect them to take their part in the future life and make effective leaders.

The Church department was presided over by its President, Elder W. D. Johnson.

The reports of the preachers and the delegates from the churches were very commendable. The sermon was given by Elder J. J. Boll and was very much enjoyed by all. Elder A. J. Jeffrice reported for the 11th Street Christian Church. The report showed the work is still on an upward trend, with six confessions for the first quarter. We were made to feel that there is a greater need for Evangelism in the Home Land and the Foreign Fields.

At 3 o'clock, a program was rendered by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Maud Jackson is the President.

The expressions from this program were like that made by the King at the Cana Marriage feast. "The best was saved for the last."

The women of this district feel there is a great part for them to play and they are reaching out into the deep in Missionary enterprise. The ministers have realized that the women are no longer to work in the back-ground, but by their sides in building up the Kingdom of our Master.

We are proud of the first report coming from our Young People's Organization, with Miss M. L. Adams as president. We have only three churches in our district. The finance from each department was good.

The total receipts for the day were $55.38. "The Love of Christ Constraining Us."

Mrs. A. M. Haygood, Reporter.

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL, PORT GIBSON, MISSISSIPPI

Mrs. S. R. Thomas, Reporter

Our Bible School though small is wide awake with 90 per cent of our apportionment paid.

The pastor, officers and teachers are laboring to do their best. The school entertained Easter Sunday night with a cantata—"The Beautiful City," leading characters, little Marguite Conner as Pilgrim; Beatrice McClellan as teacher; Ruby Byun as Temperance and seven members.

Our girls and boys are really trying to do their best for Missions under their Superintendent, Mr. R. D. Thomas.

On Monday night after Easter the choir entertained with a cantata—"Gates Ajar", leading characters: Gladys Toliver as Pilgrim, Myrtle Heath as Faith Jorcia Keys as Hope and the rest of the choir as messengers.

Our C. E. Members are still on the scene trying to raise money for the apportionment and to defray the expense of a member to the Magnolia Conference. President, Mrs. L. B. Brazand.

Quite a number of our members and friends remembered our pastor's birthday (Rev. K. R. Brown) February 28.

In the last meeting of our W. M. S. in October, ten members pledged $10.00 each for this missionary year. Each went to work at once on the pledges and by the close of the 2nd quarter we were able to send in one-half of our apportionment.

Our Society observed "Women's Day." We are using the Missionary topics.

Christmas Mrs. Grubbs was with us, although being confined to bed most of the time here she was able to be with us in one of our meetings and her presence as well as suggestions were very helpful to us. We observed the "Easter Week of Prayer" using the programs from headquarters which were sent to the members by Mrs. M. J. Brown.

All members attended some service during the week, while six members attended each service; all seemed deeply interested. We feel that this Week of Prayer has helped the church.

Members pledging and the amount paid at present:

Sister Bessie Thomas $2.25
Sister E. Blackburn 2.75
Sister A. L. Scott 2.75
Sister L. Page 7.36
Sister S. R. Henry 7.35
Sister L. B. Brazand 7.90
Sister Gladys Toliver 9.85
Sister Vina Gregg 10.00
Sister M. J. Brown 17.20
Sister S. R. Thomas 20.00

There are members who did not pledge but have, and are still working faithfully.

With such cooperation we were able to finish our apportionment last month. We are looking for a visit from Prof. Moss and Miss Chandler.

We are asking the prayers of the brethren that we may reach our goal everywhere.

S. C. I. COLLEGE NOTES

Our annual all-school picnic was held recently. The morning was given over to the playing of Volley Ball, baseball, horse shoe, tennis, and such games as directed by various ones. Every student took part in several games during the morning. The lunch consisted of Frankfurters, buns, cookies, mustard, catsup, and ice tea, all in such quantities that every one was satisfied although some was left over. In the afternoon an intermural track meet was held. Each class had entrants in the following events: 50 yard dash, broad jump, high jump, hop race, sack race, three-legged race, and shot put. Each event was divided into two sections, one for boys and the other for girls. Grades 9 and 12 tied first place in the meet with 63 points each, the 11th grade took second place, third grade took third place. The picnic is an annual affair conducted by the senior class in college.

They make all arrangements for the events to take place for the lunch, and they determine the date; all of which they keep as a secret until the day decided upon by them.

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Cedar Avenue Christian Church

Elder R. Wesley Watson, Pastor

Greetings to the Brotherhood:

Our church has just closed the most successful revival in its history. Elder R. L. Peters, of Winston Salem, N. C., did the preaching.

Brother Peters kept up his record as a great gospel preacher. For three long weeks he stood up and preached the gospel in its fullness. His many songs, just before he preached, did much good.

The Masterpiece of the revival was his sermon in "Spiritual Survey" or "Searching for the True Church." In the early stages of our development, history greatly helped our cause.

Brother Peters made a number of friends and of course some enemies for he preached the straight truth and it drives some and draws others.

With us Easter Sunday was a "red letter day." There were 118 in the Bible School. The offering was $100.00. The Baptismal service came at 7:30. There were 21 baptised. 31 were added otherwise. The total amount raised was $377.47.

We hope to continue to grow as the days come and go. We have a membership of 300 with 160 enrolled in Bible School.

Look for a book of Elder Peters' sermons soon. Anyone desiring a copy may secure one from R. W. Watson, 2101 W. 36th St., Cleveland, Ohio. They are $1.00 up to May 20, after that date they are $1.50. "Spiritual Survey" is worth that much alone.

CEDAR AVENUE CHURCH

The Cedar Avenue Church in Cleveland, Ohio held its pre-Easter Evangelistic campaign March 10 to 31 inclusive.

Cleveland is the fifth city in size in the United States. It has a total population of 1,010,300. Its colored population is more than 60,000.

There is only one colored Christian Church in the city. Elder R. Wesley Watson is its pastor. Elder Watson is a young man with a bright future. Scholarly, an excellent pulpit orator, a real pastor and a good mixer. He is beloved by all the people of the city. He is also statistical secretary of the National Convention.

The Cleveland Church has a membership of about 300 of the best people in the city and a Bible School of about 160.

Rev. Watson's wife is a well cultured woman with a very pleasing disposition and great executive ability. She is a great helpmate to him. Together they make a great team in the church work of Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, CHRISTIAN CHURCH'S GREATEST NEED

1. A social worker among the young people, whose duty would be to organize the young people along all lines of the church's activities and religious education.

2. They need to look out for their pastor's comfort and necessities a little more. As I see it, the pastor has a large territory to cover in visiting his members, which ordinarily is too strenuous on him, physically, therefore getting him a car to do his visiting could be beneficial.

3. A competent secretary to do clerical work in their office would be timely. These things would be a great addition to the growth and dignity of the church.

I began their pre-Easter revival March 10, and closed April 1, with interest at high-water mark. There were fifty-one additions to the church. Quite a number were primary obedience and baptism. I found the church in good spiritual condition and the revival already on—didn't have to work it up; the Bible School and Christian Endeavor Society is in flourishing condition. They have a most excellent choir that rendered music throughout the revival.

Robert Lee Peters

BETWEEN TWO HILLS—ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

Elder D. W. Bradley, Pastor

Dear Editor and Christian Readers:

This is to let you know that we are still alive but true is the saying "In the midst of Life we are in death." We have had two deaths recently. Sister Jane Kintcho and Brother Wm. Lyons. Sister Jane Kintcho was ill about four months while Brother Lyons had been in failing health for some time.

We are planning an evangelistic Campaign under the leadership of Sister Parks of North Carolina, a member of the Tri-State Convention.

The members and friends gave the pastor a "Pound Party" recently for which much credit is due. Elder Henry Caldwell and Sisters Dorcus Fugot and Elder Caldwell, they know how to do things when it comes to "putting over" a program. The pastor and family always welcome the visits of such warm and generous friends as these. We thank you;

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND LIFE

WOMAN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Note: (The Woman’s Missionary Society of the Port Gibson, Mississippi, Christian Church has already paid its full apportionment for the year ending June 30, 1929, Mrs. S. R. Thomas, President; Elder K. B. Brown, Pastor.)

The Election

Study election suggestions in the Manual for Women’s Missionary Society, Guilds (price, 10c; from the United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind.). Officers are elected in May that preliminary work may be done, and all announcements as to new year’s work be made by the new president and Group leaders at the June meeting, that the July meeting under the new officers may be as well prepared as those later in the year, and that no time be lost in getting work started. Election in May! For plans, see the Manual.

Your New President

No action during the year is of greater importance than your choice of president. Next year will see the culmination and closing of the Three Year Pentecostal Period. It will be the new president who will lead you to the heights both in the spiritual significance of this Pentecostal anniversary and in the gifts and offerings and increased membership which you will lay at His feet. Will you not be in earnest prayer during these weeks that you may be led in a wise choice and be willing to accept the joy of the responsibility. Do not choose your officers carelessly, nor take only those who have no other responsibilities. Your Missionary Society needs as its officers your finest and most outstanding church women.

The May Meeting

The leader for the May meeting will be obliged to condense her program to allow time for the two unusual features, the annual election and the welcoming of new members. Condense so that your entire meeting, business, election, worship, introduction of new members and the presentation period will not take more than one hour and one-half. Do not tire your new members’ first meeting.

Make the meeting vitally missionary. Do your utmost to make the new members feel that they have joined more than a club, that it is more than a program once a month where one is entertained and meets one’s friends. As you prepare and present your program pray that you may help them to see the bitterness of lives which are without Christ and the depth of our responsibility to help them, even through a missionary society, “to see Jesus.”

Now is the time to make special plans for bringing up deficiencies in aims and achieving all goals by June 30th. As they say in Africa, “pots are made while the clay is in good condition,” and the best of pots are not made at the last minute, either!

Travel

One of the heaviest items of the foreign budget is travel. Missionaries, for the sake of health and mental and spiritual welfare, must have their regular furloughs, which, for most fields, come once in five or six years. These must come home; those whose furloughs are over must return; new workers must be sent out. It is an item of expense which must come as a regular part of the work, however heavy. The Missionary organizations are being asked to furnish this travel this year. The only funds that can count on it are those above the amount given last year. For illustration, you gave $450 last year, this year your offerings are $550; so you have contributed $100 toward the travel fund of the missionaries. Nothing can count on this until an amount equal to your last year’s giving has been reached. We believe there are many women who will make personal offerings of from $5.00 to $100 for this travel fund. They are counting on the women to do this. Your state workers will write you about your state offering this year. Let’s bring up our offerings quickly to the amount of last year, that we may assure this travel fund.

More Than Last Year

The growing missionary work demands larger expenditures. If the larger offerings do not come, work somewhere must be closed that the work held may continue its normal growth. A work that does not grow is dead. Our missions are healthy, live, growing pieces of work. We too must grow. Our giving cannot remain static without our killing in our own hearts the spirit of responsibility and unselfishness. “Quench not the spirit!” Will your offerings for this year be greater than last year? Are you planning now that your quota will be reached by your June meeting; and that whatever this quota accepted may be, you will give more than last year, allowing for this margin of growth?

The Life of Purpose

Do you want to help bring to our missionaries that spirit of high courage which comes from the knowledge that “their brethren” are with them in reality—sympathy, giving and constant prayer?

Do you want to renew in our brotherhood the spirit of brotherhood—warm faith, loving patience and forbearance and that “blood tie” of brotherhood only in those who are indeed one in Christ Jesus?

Do you want to give our church—your church—such leadership and service as Christ is asking and expecting of those who have accepted His salvation?

Do you want to live a little closer to Him? Have the consciousness of “The Comforter” ever with you? Know that when you utterly fail today His tender smile of faith is with you as you try again tomorrow?

The Life of Purpose will help you in all this. It will help others to know you are trying and failing and trying again. Will you be one of those hundreds thousand who will sign the statement and so try to make a gift like tie’s to His church? Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
or others, that we are not always strong;
That we are ever overborne with care;
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee.

SOME IMPORTANT STATEMENTS FROM THE BRETHREN REGARDING THE NATIONAL APPOINTMENT FOR WORLD MISSIONS

“Dear Sister Grubbs:

Just a word of cheer; all you have suggested will be carried out the Lord willing. You can depend on every department of Lea Avenue to pay its Missionary Quota in full.

With best wishes
Preston Taylor”

“Dear Mrs. Grubbs:

We have already sent to head uniters from the church of Jarvis Christian Institute $100.00 for the General Fund of the United Society. We hope to complete our apportionment soon.

J. N. Ervin.

Dear Mrs. Grubbs:

We will make every effort to reach our apportionment. Martinsville will not disappoint you.

With best wishes
Mrs. J. H. Thomas.

Dear Mrs. Grubbs:

The Kenyon Avenue Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, will pay its every apportionment for the cause of Missions this year.

Yours truly,
R. H. Davis.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
MISSISSIPPI "THE MAGNOLIA STATE"

It has been quite a while since you have read a line from the pen of the Evangelist of "The Magnolia State." Much of our time during those silent weeks was taken up in revival meetings. You know a mule can not pull and kick at the same time.

February 24, 1929, found the Mississippi with the Second Christian Church of Danville, Kentucky, where he began a great revival. Elder Wm. Martin, the wide awake and efficient Pastor, met the writer at the train Saturday night, Feb. 23, in his beautiful Seda Car, and conveyed us to the home of Sister Nelson, which was our home during the meeting. This is a real preacher's home, and Sister Nelson, one of these simon-pure Christian knows how to make it pleasant for God's ministers.

On arriving in Danville we found snow on the ground, and after I had been there a week it snowed again. But in spite of the snow a good audience greeted the first service. We began in cold weather, and Danville is a cold town when it comes to the Cause of Righteousness, thus you see there had to be some hot preaching to warm things up. They tell me the Baptist ran two consecutive meetings of two weeks' duration in the same town with only one addition.

As a result of our labors in the Danville Church, according to the testimony of the Pastor, Officers, and leading members, the Church was greatly revived, and there were four offerings. One of these was by primary obedience. It was my good pleasure to see the brilliant young man buried in the watery grave of baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This is a real intelligent young man, and he is the head of a family. Very likely his wife will follow suit. The denomination that has tried hard to win this young man, but he knew the Book, the young man alone was worth the meeting. But there were three others who took the stand for Christ.

I met some individuals I shall never forget. Among them were Brother and Sister Smith, Brother and Sister Fish, Sister Warren, Brother and Sister Ross, Sister Smothers, Sister Nelson and Sister Pennington, Sister Tucker, Brother and Sister Carpenter, Brother and Sister Anderson, Brother Frances and a number of others whose names I do not recall.

The meeting closed at Danville at a high pitch.

During my stay in Kentucky I visited the Minister's Alliance which meets in Lexington every Tuesday. Our own Brother E. Letton is president. He makes a fine one.

Georgetown, Kentucky, was the next place of business for the Lord. Elder G. E. Letton, a New Day preacher, the shepherd of the flock, met the Evangelist at the station in his beautiful automobile, March 13, and conveyed him to the home of Brother and Sister Keene. This was our home during the Georgetown revival. Brother and Sister E. H. Keene knew how to make it happy for their guests.

The brethren at Georgetown beat themselves in building such a beautiful structure. And best of all, they built with the children in mind.

Suffice it then say they have a real modern church.

Some of the best people in all the country are at Georgetown, Kentucky. They certainly have one of the grace Paul admonished the Corinthians to have—The Grace of Giving.

In spite of the fact they are laboring under a heavy debt they willingly shouldered the responsibility of the revival and paid it off like men. Three cheers for the Georgetown Christians.

People from Danville, Nicholasville, Lexington, Midway, Millersburg, and other places I can not recall attended the revival at Georgetown. I am told that they have never had such whole-hearted co-operation of outside Churches of Christ before in Kentucky.

As a result of our labors in Georgetown thirteen souls took their stand for Christ and the New Testament Church. Two from the Baptist, two from the Methodist, and nine by primary obedience. Many of the soldiers of the cross broke down in tears as hard hearted men stepped out and confessed their Lord and Master. Among this number were some whom the people of Georgetown had pronounced as Infidels.

While in Kentucky it was my good pleasure to visit the home of my friend and brother, Elder C. H. Dickerson, Sister D.ckeron, his better-half, finds joy in preparing big dinners for his friends. Br. Dickerson took with him from the Alliance for dinner Brother Wm. Martin, Brother G. E. Letton, Brother T. R. Everett and myself. Sister Letton was already there. And you know that if a minister's wife finds joy in preparing dinner for that many Christian preachers she must be a Christian.

I take this method of extending to Elder Wm. Martin and Sister Nelson, Elder G. E. Letton and wife, and all the other good folks my heart-felt thanks for the kindness shown to me while in Kentucky.

Sister Letton is indeed and in truth a minister's wife. She truly is a helpmate to her husband. If all other musicians refuse to play Bro. Letton does not have to worry.

On my return from Georgetown, Kentucky, I spent a night with my old chum, Elder T. R. Everett, at Nicholasville, Ky. Preached to a very appreciative audience on the same night. Pastor Everett said he was going to have us back for a meeting.

Yours for Kingdom Building,
B. C. CALVERT,
Evangelist of Mississippi.

"ALONG THE POTOMAC"

Elder H. D. Griffin, Pastor
Bertrall L. Ivy, Reporter

This month closed with a good work going on at 12th Street Christian Church. Our pastor, Rev. H. D. Griffin is quite busy trying to arouse the old members. We are getting ready for the "each one win one" campaign. He is also preaching some strong and powerful sermons.

November was one of the greatest months of all last year with Sister H. D. Griffin. She pledged $50.00 for our church work. She put on a Friend-ship Rally on the 11th of November '28 and invited friends of the city and of Baltimore. Rev. W. H. Taylor also of Baltimore was asked to give the Friend-ship sermon and it was impressing. Rev. Taylor's church of Balti-more including his wife and three buss-es of people gladly joined us. Rev. Wilfre, his family and some of his members of the white Christian Church of Washington were included in our services. Rev. Wilfre took part in the devotions.

Our great Evangelist Jesse Bader and wife were with us also. Dr. Scott, the grandson of Rev. Wal or Scott who was one who helped to establish the church in its early stage was with us. (Concluded on page 8, Col. 1)

"Meet Us At Winston-Salem, Monday, Aug. 26th, 1929 At 8 P. M."

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"AS THE EDITOR SEES IT"

(Concluded from page 1)

The name of Jesus Christ is honored above every other name and the greatest leaders of the world now acknowledge His supremacy; Spiritual activity and Christian Conquest may be seen by the most skeptical; Christianity is permeating business and the political world is being re-shaped.

Truly it may be said the Church is the only unshaken institution in the world. It has a Divine Program and every church should be at work on the Program of Jesus, the Christ, every minute of the year.

"KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE GOAL!"

ALONG THE POTOMAC

(Concluded from page 7)

Representatives from every denomination of the colored churches were present. Many ministers of the gospel were filled with inspiration from the wonderful sermon Rev. Taylor rendered. The edifice was filled. The first floor and the balcony and many extra chairs had to be found for standers. The largest crowd since dedication day.

Who can make more friends in such a short time among white and colored brethren in cities like Baltimore and Washington? Surely God is in it.

Doctor Scott led the collection with $10.00 on the Christian table. There were three tables. Christian, Baptist and Methodist. The collection table totaled $46.25. Some of the white members could not rest so decided to give. Mrs. Griffin raised the Thanksgiving offering. Also the young ladies class called her the morning of the rally to address the class. They gave Mrs. Griffin a surprise of $17.60 which brought her up to $125.60 all raised in November. This made $305.00 on the church debt.

GREAT BAPTIST DENOMINATION

HITS LYNCHING

Barbarous Badge of Shame that Should be Eradicated, Says Southern Baptist Convention

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 14.—Denouncing the lynching habit as a "badge of shame to our civilization", the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent annual session in this city urged that every effort be made to build up and maintain "a public sentiment that will establish justice and hygiene from the borders the appalling practice of mob violence." "Never should we be content", said the Convention "until every vestige of this barbarity is eradicated and every individual has secured to him the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The significance of this statement is found in the fact that the Convention represents the largest religious group in the South, with 20,000 churches and a membership of more than 3,800,000. The statement regarding lynching was embodied in the report of the Commission on Social Service, headed by Dr. A. J. Barton of Atlanta, and was formally adopted by the entire convention and published in the minutes. In full it is as follows:

"In the year 1928 the number of lynchings shows a marked decrease. Figures compiled by Tuskegee Institute, Ala., show that eleven lives were sacrificed to mob violence as against sixteen for 1927, distributed as follows: Mississippi, 5; Louisiana, 2; Texas, 2; Missouri, 1; New Mexico, 1. While the decrease is a source of gratitude, the fact that this number of lives should have been so sacrificed or that any number should be so sacrificed is a badge of shame to our civilization and should fill us with sorrow and indignation. Our responsibility is emphasized by the fact that during the past year every sacrifice of life to mob violence took place within the bounds of this Convention and never should we be content until every vestige of this barbarity is eradicated and every individual, black and white alike, has secured to him the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unless and until deprived of it by due process of law administered by public officers, backed by public sentiment and held responsible to public sentiment for the faithful discharge of their duty."

"It is reported by Prof. Monroe N. Work, of Tuskegee Institute, that by the practice of vigilance of public officials twenty-four attempted lynchings were prevented during the year. We would commend the courageous and righteous stand taken by practically all of our leading Southern papers, for example, such papers as the Hattiesburg American, Hattiesburg, Miss., and the Vicksburg Herald, Vicksburg, Miss., unhesitatingly condemning the brutality of mobs and appealing to enlightened public sentiment and the American sense of right for the protection of the life of the condemned or accused against this form of violence. Speaking of mob violence, the Vicksburg Herald says, "It is brute force applied in a atrocious way and it is a throw-back to the methods of the Dark Ages. Mob law, if allowed to thrive in our country, would destroy the freedom and liberty of our people" and again, "No state can thrive where lynching thrives. What thoughtful person would come to a state to make his home that stands year after year at the head of the lynching column? No real progress can be made in Mississippi until lynchings are stopped." The Hattiesburg American says, "Lynchings in Mississippi will cease when an awakened and outraged public opinion so decrees. To the building up of such a body of public opinion this newspaper is irrevocably committed. When lynchers are run down by law officers, like any other murderers, indicted, tried and convicted like other criminals, the reign of the rope will end."

We quote these utterances from these two papers to illustrate the fine service which some of our papers are rendering. We express the hope that all of our papers will be exercised by a like spirit of courage and justice and that our people in general will give to public officials, to public journals, and to all other agencies, undivided support in building up and maintaining a public sentiment that will establish justice as administered by constituted authority and will banish from our borders the appalling practice of mob violence.

CONFERENCE SLOGANS FOR 1929

"A conference of '49 in '29, watch Magnolia's go!" "A conference of 59 in '29", watch Southwest go! "A conference of '49 in '29", watch Midwest go!"
AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY

By Jason M. Cowan, Butler University

Preface

The following article was presented as a term paper in a class in Church History at Butler University where I am a student. The class was allowed the privilege of choosing its subject matter from the general field of literature dealing with the history of the Christian Church from the time of its inception until the eighth century A.D., with this reservation: that the treatment of the chosen subject be historically accurate and logically arranged.

I chose “African Christianity” for several reasons; some purely subjective, some objective. Like many others who have not taken the time or the trouble to look into its history, Africa, to me, was indeed a “dark continent” with a vague past and a doubtful future. And in its relation to Christianity circumscribed by a single Biblical quotation, “Out of Egypt have I called my Son.”

Again, I too had accepted the general omission of Africa, as an important location in early church history, in modern literature as a silent argument for non-importance. In each of these attitudes I found myself in error. Now that these errors are corrected, I can look toward the land of my forefathers with a new sense of pride and admiration for its contributions to the general culture of the world.

It is not to be assumed that I have covered the entire field of the History of African Christianity. This would require volumes and a thorough knowledge of every phase of African life and culture. In this only the surface has been scratched and not very deeply. But enough to give a faint idea of the great store of information awaiting the student or minister wishing to familiarize himself with the subject.

—J. M. Cowan

A Brief Survey of Christianity
In Africa From the First to
The Eighth Century A.D.

I. INTRODUCTION

For historical purposes only, the title, African Christianity, is used to designate the field of study for this particular treatise, and is not meant to imply a particular brand of Christianity which was African, and African only, without any relationships or likenesses to Christianity in any other part of the world. The purpose of this brief survey is to determine, if possible, these relationships: how Africa, Asia Minor, and Europe agreed or differed in the methods used in the propagation and perpetuation of the message of Christ; and to determine the underlying cause of the failure of Christianity to survive the tenth of the ages in Africa while it survived in less favorable circumstances in Europe.

In considering the historical background of Christianity in Africa, the matter of dates, or approximate dates is of minor importance. While it may satisfy the most critical historian, about the only thing that we can say with any degree of certainty is that sometime in the remote past, thousands of years before the Christian era, a type of civilization prevailed in Africa which is comparable to civilizations of ancient, medieval, and modern times. A civilization which produced unequalled works of art; which was skilled in science and scientific investigation; and one which left tremendous monuments of brick and stone to be an everlasting source of inspiration to engineers and architects. It must be understood, that this civilization did not extend over all of Africa. It was, to be exact, an Egyptian civilization, but its influence was felt in the entire area reached by the early emissaries of the Cross.

One of the fortunate circumstances in regard to Egyptian history, that is fortunate for the historical investigator, is the fact that the subjection of the Egyptians by the Persian, the Assyrians, and later by the Greeks and Romans did not destroy the evidences of culture which existed among the Egyptians from earliest times. Recent excavations in the Valley of the Kings have revealed as never before the extent of the artistic advancement of these people. Not only in the extant works of art do we get an insight into their past, but in their literature as well. Judged by modern standards of literature, the great body of Egyptian literature is too rich and manifold to be of value except for anthropological purposes. However true this may be, it has a particular value for the student because it reveals the things that the people thought and wrote about.

Another important aspect in the historic background for Christianity is the influence of commerce in shaping the lives and minds of a people for the introduction of new ideas and ideals. Africa has never been an isolated continent in this respect, and especially has Egypt had an important place in the history of commercial intercourse between the ancient peoples. Here again it is impossible to fix with any degree of certainty the beginning of this intercourse. In times of famine in other countries Egypt became the world’s granary. In the Tell el-Amarna letters the friendly kings ask for much gold. Inasmuch as agriculture was the leading industry, it is quite likely that a great many of the commodities used in Egypt were imported from Asia and southern Europe. There are records of various kings sending out expeditions to secure the rarities from other countries. We are not sure whether these were trading or raiding parties as Egyptian objects have been found in the

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"CHILDREN'S DAY AROUND THE WORLD"

... By Bessie E. Chandler...

"The world moves forward on the feet of little children."

Coming forth out of an ardent desire to proclaim the gospel everywhere has grown a long continuous effort to reach the generation of children with the story of Jesus.

If we should survey the numerous mission fields and make the conditions existing there we would ask our selves the question: "What does Children's Day mean to the children in America and to the children of other lands?"

We do want the boys and girls to know what their offering will mean to the children of the world. Let us glance at the Oriental children of the world and observe what Children's Day would mean to them.

In China and neighboring countries are constantly waging in warfare, robbing and destroying buildings. Through the barbarous acts, hundreds of men and women are killed, thus leaving thousands of children starving, diseased, homeless and clothless. Children's Day would mean to these unfortunate children several new comfortable orphanages where they would be fed nourishing food, given warm clothing and sent to hospitals when they are sick. What a glorious service you would be giving to these children whose hearts are sad, but because of Children's Day they will be made happy.

We hear the same cry coming from the children of Africa and other countries. It will mean that teachers and evangelists will be sent to tell them the story of Jesus. It will aid in building and sustaining boarding schools, printing of books and papers from which the boys and girls can learn to read the stories about the Man of Galilee as we read them.

It will mean that churches and Bible Schools can be built at every mission station so that the children in other parts of the world can gather on Sunday morning and sing with happy hearts as we sing, "Jesus loves me, this I know."

This time is fast approaching when we must observe Children's Day in our last special day in the Bible School. Let us commence now to make our plans for the observation of this day. This day is observed by more than any other day; greater efforts are made on this day than any other day toward promoting World-Wide-Missions. Let every church throughout the Brotherhood endeavor to make this offering the largest of the entire year.

Let every superintendent personally ask all of his Bible School workers, pupils and church members this question: "How big is your heart?" You will find that some hearts will contain only self, others will include both self and friends, still others will have the true Christian heart which should be as large as the Master's and infinite. Those who do not have the true big include the " Whole world." heart try expanding them on Children's Day with the rest of the world for World-Wide-Missions.

For this year we urge every school to take the offering and make it as big as possible. Collect all money in at once and close a successful year.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

V. G. Smith

II. MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION

Organization

The intermediate boys and girls are members of the Triangle Club. It has a constitution and by-laws made for it by the Department of the Missionary Organization. This document calls for a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. These officers are elected by the body but the adult advisor is appointed by the Woman's Missionary Society. Also it calls for a meeting once a month with an executive committee meeting once per month to check up and clear up business matters.

The senior and the young peoples group belong to the Young Peoples' Mission Circle. They too, have a prepared constitution which calls for the regular officers and an advisor from the adult society. They meet once per month with a prepared program. The executive committee meets and approves all business, etc. before it comes to the Circle. It should meet once per month.

Procedure

The transaction of the business in the regular meetings of the Club and Triangle are reduced to a minimum by the work of the Executive committee. So following a worship program in the World Call and used on materials that are sent out from the Missionary Organization Department of the U. C. M. S. the short business with the chairman in the chair is disposed of. Often it is better to put the business first then the leader of the worship will take the chair and conduct the preparation devotion of the day.

Following this period, the regular program on Missionary subjects is carried out with a topic suitable for the age level with material and stories based upon the common interests of the group. This material is obtained from the same source as the worship material. Oftimes the ideal of putting in the story or costuming and staging to present the country of the program material is an effective way of handling this important feature.

Mrs. L. A. Devine found the method useful in having the young people come as hinese or Japanese when floor as an Oriental lands, seryve the refreshments used for food and have the room decorated as a Chinese of Japanese scene or home. Many efforts may be made to impress the lessons of the missionary program at these two levels.

A social period may follow the program with games of the country studied.

FIFTY GREAT DAYS

Easter to Pentecost

The Cross of Christ Calls the Church of Christ Onward to Pentecost

On to Pentecost, May 19. And may it be a high day of spiritual experiences such as the first Pentecost, the passion and power of which should be the normal possessions of the modern church. Such mere incidental of Pentecost as speaking in tongues have often obscured the vital features of the great day in the church's life. Christ intended that the spiritual dynamic of Pentecost should be a natural characteristic of present day Christian experience. And as we approach this anniversary prayer and preparation only will make possible a mighty realization of the presence and power if the Holy Spirit in the church on that occasion.

THIRD ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION OF MISSOURI

The annual third District Convention of the Christian Churches of Missouri met at the Second Christian Church of Frankford, May 2-5, 1929.

The following churches comprise the District: Salisbury, Madison, Hannibal, Cen. on page 3, col. 2

"ON TO WINSTON-SALEM," NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26th,
THE TEST IS SUCCESS

"What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him?"

The world measures a man entirely by what he does, not by what he believes. We are in an age of success worshippers. We are not far enough along to always distinguish between good causes and so the people will often lionize a successful bandit or a successful puglist even though he is a very immoral man. The principle is right but the application is wrong. The law of God is that we must succeed before we get the divine approval. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." What we need to do is to distinguish between good causes and bad causes.

All Christ's teachings, even his crucifixion, would have counted for nothing if his work had come to naught a few weeks after he died. If some man today should claim that he's Christ come to earth again, we would immediately put the test to him, and rightly so, Can he prove himself? We have men today, of the ultra Liberals, who claim they know more than Christ. Can they prove it? If the do the should be able to convince the world. If their claim ends in confusion and division when we know their claim was spurious. Paul claimed he had a vision on the way to Damascus. Did he? Look at his life what he accomplished. That proved it. Some old ignorant countryman gets up at a covenant meeting and relates a vision which he had. Did he have it? Was there anything in his life afterwards that proved it? Then was it strange if folks forgot it as soon as he said it, and just laughed at him, if there was nothing in his life to show that he had? It? Would God give him such a vision if he did not follow it up with a good mission?

Now after stating this common spiritual law, let us make the application. We do not claim to have had visions, but we have made plans and adopted policies. Did we work them? If not, then we cannot claim any power. Our accomplishments are our justifications. That is the way God justifies us. And when we make utter failures God and man condemn us.

First, let us take for example the Christian Plea. Many expressed dissatisfaction with the old Gospel Plea because it was too localized. Then we decided to take it over more fully by the brotherhood. If we had all worked faithfully for what we voted, the Christian Plea would now have five thousand subscriptions and would be one of the powers in the causes of the kingdom. It would not be worthy of being on the desk of leaders in other churches and of the best thinkers of our white ministers. The test of Christ and his disciples was what they did in the first sixty years. Our test is what we have done. Did we subscribe for it? Less than formerly. Did we pay our pledges we made for it? No, almost none paid. Can God justify us that way?

Next, let us take for example our opportunity. We hear much in our day about "interdenominational cooperation. No people have a finer opportunity to cooperate than the white and Negro Disciples of Christ. We never divided into North and South, there was not even stirred up a bitter feeling between such as our Methodist and Baptist brethren experienced. We did not organically divide into colored and white. Our plea was the union of God's people and we dared not divide along racial lines. The constitution of the United Christian Missionary Society made no provisions for separation on color lines and invited the colored organizations to represent. Have we made it work? Yes and No. Let us look at the Yes first. Our work up to this point has been foundation laying not harvesting. And we have done much. Compare what was thirty years ago with what we have now and we see this plainly. The southern white people have traveled many, many thoughts from that day. Our Negro people at first entered with enthusiasm as a novelty, now they are in the solid work of working out the problems involved. Even though they do not now give as much as they did, they are coming with a reasonable progress. Now let us take the No. We have not worked our opportunity. We have not permitted our responsibility to weigh heavily on our minds. Instead of studying how we might overcome each new difficulty we have contented ourselves to grow bitter, and often to scheme to secretly defeat those who were well meaning.

Brethren, let us awake out of our sleep. We have the greatest opportunity of any people of our day. Do we see it, and who are we trying to work the works that God wants us to work? Think on these things, Brethren.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

THE MAN WHOM KENTUCKY DELIGHTS TO HONOR

There's a difference, they say, 'twixt planet and star.
The star being further away: The planet revolves like the wheel of a car.
Round the hub, while the fixed stars stay.
Then, planets shine by a borrowed light
And not real as the star.
I cast my vote for the orb so bright Which not only seems but are.
As lights in the firmaments, so are men.
There planets, stars and suns:
Some shine for a season, then "Go Out" again.
While some like the comet, run.
Sweeping my scope along my sky
Watching the worlds go round.
My vision refuses to pass him by
He answers to 'Brother Brown'.
Down in the Cumberland River shade
Where they sing and shout and pray.
Down in that town which is "Taylor Made".
In Nashville he first saw the day.
Humble his birth and few his friends.
His horoscope showed no calling.
But for the "Divinity that shapes our ends".
His, might have been appalling.
Somehow my man caught sight of his star.
And to it his chariot dashed.
Till his fame is known both near and far,
As toward the summit he dashed.
His prime was in days of acid test.
For our cause the "stock was down".
But fearless and brave he stood abreast.
Where the weaker men would drown.
At length Mt. Sterling sought a man
Who'd travelled the Brotherhood round.
And knew it all from Beersheba to Dan.
No wonder they called him "Brother Brown".
He's pastored Mt. Sterling for years and years.
Beloved by the people all.
Through three-score and ten, He's full of cheer.
And true to the Master's call.
His counsel is safe, his wisdom sound.
As old man Solomon said.
No better pastor no church ever found.
In his class he stands near the head.
C. H. DICKERSON,
Lexington, Ky.

Huntsville and a mission point at Van-dolin. Two of these are inactive, six of them are active, reported and were represented by delegates. There were 25 delegates and an average attendance of 100. Saturday night and the three Sunday services marked the high point of attendance.
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WHO IS AT FAULT?
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I read our Editor's front page article in the April 15th issue on: "As
The Editor Sees It." I noticed, among
many other statements this: "Clear
thinking proposes to actually see things as they are." To me this is
significant.

There are many small churches in
title rural towns that are either dying
or dead and there are many of our
leading cities where every denomina-
tion is represented and is flourishing,
but a Disciple of Christ who wishes to
be known as a Christian only, may
not have a church home—why? Whose
fault is it? Why can't we see the
natural solution? Why don't we sense
the importance of the real challenge
that comes to The Disciples of Christ?

Does the command to "Go into all the
world and make Disciples" come home
to the leaders of the brotherhood?
Did Jesus say, "Go make Disciples" or
did he say, "Go where Disciples are
made"?

Why is it we do not seem to be able
to establish churches in many of our
greatest cities? If there are Disciples
of Christ whose delight is to be known
as "Christians Only," why don't some-
one teach them to advertise? If we
have churches in our larger cities why
don't they let it be known? If we
don't have any why don't our leaders
take the initiative in organizing
churches of the Disciples of Christ?

Is it because we lack the member
ship and cooperation in the great
church buildings, the field, or is it
not that we lack vision, faith and
the love of God in our hearts? Who
is at fault in this particular?

I am not finding fault or complai-
nin, but I hear so much about needing
help in different ways. We humble,
well meaning disciples who happen to
live in unchurched communities are
freely lost in the whirl-wind of
the life of our larger cities and are
not able to help the church. Even
when we write we do not get the cour-
tesy of a reply.

The National Convention don't seem
to have time to answer our call to
"Come over into Macedonia and help
us!" either that or they don't seem
to be greatly concerned about our fel-
lowship and cooperation in the great
task. Who wonders but that we have
great need when the flock is left to
wonder from city to city unheeded for?
I often wonder, "Who is at fault?"

DECISION DAY AN OUTSTANDING
DATE
There is a great day in every life;
and some days stand out above others.
If our life was one day after another
it would be wearisome, indeed; but
unless one sits down and bakes it
in order of things such is not the case
for us; either that or they don't seem
unusual significance with the many
marriages and other events that
take place during the life time of the
average person. Each life has its
special day that may be regarded as
the turning point. Billy Sunday sat
down on the curb of the street and for
once really thought things over, and
from that time till now he has pur-
sued a different course. It was his
turning point. After a wild life, in
every conceivable thing had been done
to cast reflection on the training re-
ceived, St. Augustine came to a great
decision, and as a consequence the
world has been enriched by his devo-
tion. What is true of these two
men is but an illustration of what is hap-
pening to multitudes. There are great
days in the life of us all that repre-
sent decisions like that of Luther,
Campbell, Wessley and a host of
others. It cannot be otherwise be-
cause it is life.

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NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

J. F. Whitfield, Pastor
A. D. Penn, Reporter

The Bible School is rowing nicely under the New Elementary Superintendent, Miss Alpha Penn. Much progress has been made along the lines of attendance, offerings, punctuality and general class cooperation. The teachers are interesting and enthusiastic. The Elementary Superintendent and teachers staged a very effective program on Religious Education Day in February. The program was a success much to the delight of those sponsoring it. The program was rendered as follows:

Worship Program, Fifteen minutes; Pantomime, “The Old Rugged Cross” by the Primary Girls; Story of “The Ten Virgins” by the Junior Boys and Girls; Offering, Remarks, Announcements, Closing.

The several classes have begun their hand work and are finding it very interesting.

Elder Whitfield, the teacher of the Boys Junior Class, gave three prizes to three boys in his class for one hundred per cent attendance and a grade “A” scholarship in Class Cooperation. This method was our incentive to others.

The National Workers, Prof. Moss and Miss Chandler conducted a weekend institute for the Bible School and Young People’s Workers in March which was more than helpful to the workers. It was inspirational as well as informational.

The Easter program for the Bible School was very fine. It was a composition of and sponsored by Miss Justna Spencer and Mrs. J. F. Whitfield.

The program was a dramatization of the “Resurrection.”

The Evangelistic Campaign was conducted by Elder B. J. Gregory of Selma, N. C. He delivered forceful sermons each night. The meeting was a success from every end.

Elder Whitfield went to North Carolina on the fifth Sunday in March to be present in an Eastern North Carolina meet. He reports a successful meeting. Elder J. C. Williams a local minister, served in his absence to the satisfaction of all present.

On the first Lord’s day in April ten persons were baptized and the right hand of fellowship was extended to fourteen persons on that day. The services were live and full of spirit and everyone felt a degree stronger spiritually.

The Ladies Aid Society gave a Martha Washington Tea Party in the month of February which was a financial success to the extent of $15.05 despite the very inclement weather. The Woman’s Missionary Society gave their Annual Calendar Social on the 19th of April at the home of Deacon and Mrs. G. E. Turner.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

Each number of the Christian Plea carries many helpful suggestions and introduces new workers compression while unheard of. This is fine. I wish to second the motion that more of the shortes sign name and address. Somebody might desire to call them out of their neck of the woods and use them. Lexington church has a host of busy activities. The Sunjay School with Superintendent James McKee who is also a faithful janitor, is nearing the hundred in attendance. The minister teaches the “Teen age” class of about fifteen as lively chaps as you ever saw. Miss Florence Reid, Miss Odie B. Lewis, Mrs. Bertha Peaks and Mrs. Englandman and sister Dickerson are regular teachers at their post with the other classes.

Our school always begins and ends on time. So does the church, and we have had eight additions in April and May. Four grown people last Sunday joined. We’re busy this spring among the City Schools. While our Ministers Alliance was visiting Paris, we delivered an address to the High School there.

Sunday, May 12th, we motored over to Richmond, 26 miles and preached the baccalaureate sermon for Richmond High School. Sunday, May 19th, we preached the baccalaureate sermon for Midway High School, 14 miles west and on the same night performed a like service for The Memorial Institute at our oldhome in Nicholasville. These dates with our spring Annex drive for $1000.00 coming off May 26, caused us to turn down some calls which we dearly wanted to fill.

Our two main clubs, East End and West End will give each $100.00 in their rally; sister Sally Ross is president of one and sister Pannie Sanders president of the other. The Loyal Workers are another lively bunch and the C. tales, Trangles, Tanglefoot and What Nots will bring up the rear.

Friday we made the State Convention Program. Twill “Go off” at Little Rock, 12 miles east of Paris, Bourbon County, July 24-28; all roses point that way. Pastor H. T. Wilson says, “Come on!” And we’re going.

My compliments to the young Pens that push along the lines of the Plea. God bless them, and ye Editor, keep on keeping on. Will meet you all down in good old Winston-Salem, N. C, where the “Two Seas meet” and the chiefs and scribes strike hands with their kith and kin and feel at home in the fellowship of the oneness of God’s people.

YES INDEED

In Winston-Salem yellow yams And water mellons flow No matter ‘bout your pork and lamb You deelestes must go.

But ‘tis not worldly things we crave To feast is not our goal Convention goers come to save And edify the soul.

There’s not a city you can name From Adam down to Balaam Can better play Convention’s game Than good old Linston-Salem.

C. H. Dickerson, 446 Ohio St.
Lexington, Kentucky.

SAINT JAMES CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Lyons, Texas
Elder J. M. Washington, Pastor
F. H. Moore, Clerk and Reporter

A wave of sadness literally swept this entire community on Saturday morning, February 2nd, at 7 a.m., due to the death of one of our pioneer members and citizens, in the person of our beloved Elder William Green.

He was born in Tennessee in 1836. He came to Texas and located in Burleson County about 74 ears ago. He was 93 years old when he died. He married Miss Elizabeth Carroll December 18, 1866. To this happy union came three children: Robert W. Annie and James A.; all of whom survive him. He leaves besides these two grandchildren 13 great grand-children and one great, great grand-child and a multitude of friends to mourn his passing. He was preceded in death by his life’s companion several years.

Father Green, as he was affectionately called, was one of the early trail blazers of the Christian Cause in this section of Texas. He was one of the founders of St. James in 1887. He succeeded in organizing several other churches in this and adjoining counties. Literally hundreds have been baptized by him.

He was a faithful soldier who seems to have fought to the very last. He
MOTHER, TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO
By Mrs. Mary Brown, Kansas Ity, Mo.

Over nineteen hundred years ago Mary, the mother of Jesus, sat with the Christ child, the babe of Bethlehem on her breast. From that time on down through the ages great artists have tried over and over again to paint the full beauty of this simple subject,—Mother and Babe. They have never been able to really satisfy themselves. There is more beauty in this simple every day sight than man can adequately express with pencil and colors. This goes to show that the common, every day things of life are sometimes the most beautiful.

The girl of 25 years ago barely approaching womanhood, was taught that motherhood was the grandest, the loftiest and the holiest God-given power to woman. She was not only glad to be called mother, but felt it is a joy. Motherhood was her greatest ambition. She was proud of motherhood and was willing to sacrifice for her child. She took time to rear her children for she felt that young life depended on her. She realized "as the twig is bent so is the tree inclined" to grow.

The triumphs of her children were her own. Her eyes followed them while present and her soul went out with them when absent. The memory of sacred hours,—mother's word, her faith and her prayers saved us from plunging into the deep abyss of sin.

Years have filled great drifts between us, but they have not hidden from our sight the glory of mother's pure unselfish love. Her love was never tired. Her love endured through never exhausted; it never changed, it all. She remembered that infant smile that once filled her bosom with rapture, that merry laugh that joyous shout of childhood, that first promise of youth. She could never be brought to think of him or her unworthy. Too often it is convenience, fashionable or a matter of habit that preserves the friendship of mankind, but that of mother is not changed by fortune, by influence nor even the loss of character.

Twenty-five years ago mothers taught their daughters concerning maternity so let us teach our girls that it is honorable. The expanding rose just bursting into beauty has an irresistible bewitchment and so has the blooming bride led triumphantly to the altar. She awakens admiration and interest. The blush on her cheeks fill us with delight. But the charm of maternity is more sublime than all these. Heaven has imprint ed in mother's face something beyond this world; the tender look and the watchful eye which keeps its fond vigil over the slumbering babe.

Thank God for the mother of 25 years ago. Unlike some women of this period whose soft jeweled hands have never felt the clasp of baby fingers, whose tinted cheeks have never felt their sweet warm breath and who never had a maternal knee as the first altar of a child's devotion. But not so with our dear, semi-old-fashioned, sweet voiced mothers with eyes,—in whose clear depths the love light shone. Their dear hands were worn with toil, but they gently guarded our tottering footsteps in childhood and smothered our pillow in sickness. Blessed is the memory of such a mother. The beauty of other voices may be lost but the entrancing memory of her's will live in our souls forever.

The mothers of one-fourth century ago were mothers who were just as busy and careworn as we and yet they were never too busy and too tired to teach their children that "the way of the cross leads home." They were women who had time for maternity and whose exaltation of joy was reached when the small warm body of the babe was nestled to their breast. They smiled with the care of their children and never felt they were a burden and in their way. They didn't feel that they couldn't afford to have children because it might deprive them of fine clothes, jewelry, and pleasures. They were unselfish, self-sacrificing loving, tender and kind mothers who were always thinking of the welfare of their children. The wild storms of adversity and the bright sunshine of prosperity were all alike to them. They never ceased to love! Their friendships were unalterable in life and strong in death and they breathed their last sigh in a prayer for the welfare of their children.

Remembrances hover over every incident of those calm and blissful days when mother's presence gave life its greatest charms; affection turned aside the arrows of misfortune; gentleness alleviated the pangs of distress; tender ness smoothed the pillow of sickness, kind hands held the head of pain while alterable love supported us amidst unloving smiles beamed upon us and unkindness and ingratitude. These incidents can never be forgotten. They will live on many years after death's ice feters lay upon mother's brow, year by year as other true and tried friends are called from labor to reward, we think as the poet:

"Mother! Dear Mother! the feeling must
As I hung on thy bosom—clinging round the first
'Twas the earliest link in love's warm chain
'Tis the only one that will long remain.
And as year by year and day by day,
Some friend still trusted drop away,
Mother, dear mother, 0 dost thou see
How the shortened chain brings me nearer thee?"

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD
By Rosa Brown Grubbs

OAKWOOD BLVD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Chicago, Ill.

The Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church is progressing under the leadership of Elder T. B. Livingston in spite of its tremendous burdens and responsibilities, so reports came to me from many angles the day I visited there. I was however, sorry to find the Pastor out of the city. He was at the time visiting his family in Washington, D. C. Conference with the W. M. S. gave information of a well organized plan for program and work although they had thwarted because of very severe weather during January and February. They will of course raise their Quota this year.

Professor C. W. Smith, Druggist and Chairman of the board of Oakwood Blvd. expressed delight pertaining to the business arrangements of the church on its financial responsibility. And in speaking with regards to the Missionary Quota of $100.00 said, "It will be evidence of ingratitude if we fail to give $100.00 our Quota for World Missions.

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch is reporter to Christian Plea for the Oakwood Blvd. Church. We are therefore looking to her for a large subscription list from the membership.

The S. C. I. Club is planning a substantial gift to the Christian Plea.

LANGLEY AVE. CHURCH
Chicago, Ill.

While in Chicago, Illinois I was the guest of Bro. and Sister R. E. Latouche in their beautiful new home, 304 Michigan Blvd.

My visit with the Langley Avenue Church was an inspiration indeed. No where in the brotherhood do we have
EAST TENNESSEE
By Mrs. W. A. Scott

Over here in East Tennessee in the
Fret Smoky mountains, we find
ourselves quite busy these days pushing
forward the work of the Master.

The Johnson Church has recently
had a very inspiring visit from
our National Field Worker, Mrs. Grubbs.
She found us busy at work in our Mis-
sonary Society on our national ap-
portionment. We are doing fine along
this line and expect our full amount.
The Missionary Society sponsored a
Mother's Day program which was very
much enjoyed. Our weekly meetings
are adding much to the social life
and general interest in our church work.
The following contributed to our drive
on our apportionment: John Latture,
$2.00; William Keebler, $1.25; Elder
S. Kenny, $1.25; Mrs. W. A. Scott,
1.15; H. B. Ryan, $1.00; Roy Shoun,
$1.00; Mrs. O. W. Sherrill, $100; Mrs.
H. J. Meek, $1.00; Mrs. M. H. Hankal,
50¢; Mrs. Lyden, 50¢; Mr. and Mrs.
Mawkins, 50¢; Mrs. Crawford, 25¢;
Mrs. Carter, 10c.

The Jonesboro Church had a very
successful rally on the 3rd Sunday in
which they raised almost $170.00.
They have paid off their last note to
the Church Extension with thanks for
their patience and consideration.
The Sunday School which is doing an
excellent work with Mr. John Latture
as teacher, Mrs. Lewis Walker as Super-
intendent and Elder Hale, pastor, con-
tributed $125.00 to the church.

We are planning to play our part
in the State and National Conven-
tions, both in finance and delegation.

COLLEGE NOTES

Those students who attended Mag-
nolia Conference last year recently
presented the Conference idea to the
rest of the students in a special booster
program at chapel. Those who took part in the program were
Maurice Welch, Edna Mae Smith,
Cyril Robertson, Vooh Martin, Hen-
retta Bradford, Isaac Henderson,
Carnella Jamison, and Fannie Lee.
Miss Lee is president of Magnolia
this year. Each of these students
gave an interesting talk in which he
or she presented some phase of Con-
ference life. If the rest of the
Brotherhood is as enthusiastic about
the possibilities of Conference as the
student body here is then "69 in '29"
is none too large as a motto.

Last week the College invited the
farmers of the community to a meet-
ing for the purpose of discussing
the farming situation in this com-
A SPECIAL NOTICE
By Elder R. L. Peters, 1428 E.
8½ St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
will you please announce for
part of the constitution of the
four consecutive weeks that that
National Christian Missionary
Convention of Churches of Christ,
that refers to membership as
found in Minutes of the 11th An-
ual Session held at Washington,
D. C. 1927 on page 33 article 2,
which reads as follows:
"This organization shall be
composed of (1) Churches known
as Christian or Disciples of
Chrst with auxiliary agencies.
(2) States and Districts conven-
tions represented by duly elected
delegates and such others as the
convention in session may pro-
vide.

The objectionable part is Dis-
A SPECIAL NOTICE
By Elder R. L. Peters, 1428 E.
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are not composed of
States and Districts conven-
tions. National Conven-
tions are not composed of
States. The order of organi-
zation is as follows:
States convention is composed of
districts, there the word District
Convention should be strick-
en out and it can only be done by
the convention in session as
stated on page 35, Article 1 of
the amendment.

"Meet Us At Winston-Salem, Monday, Aug. 26th, 1929 At 8 P. M."
AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY

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Greek islands on the mainland and on the other hand, objects from these places have been found in Egypt, and in the inscriptions are spoken of as "tributes." The general consensus of opinion among historians is that the Egyptians themselves were not a trading people of the type that would make them masters of commerce such as the Jews or the Phoenicians were, and that their commerce was largely in the hands of foreigners, just as it is in our own times.

Regardless of the native or foreign control of commerce, one of the most convincing evidences of its importance lies in the fact that in those days when the highways of commerce were infested with bandits of every type, and travel, or means of travel was slow and trying, six great highways connected Lower Egypt with the commercial centers of the orient. Over these highways must have come the usual assortment of merchants, tradesmen, artisans, mechanics, scholars, in fact all classes from the lowest to the highest. This mass of tradesmen would also represent about all of the current modes of religious thought and practice prevalent in the countries from which they came. They would receive in return the modes of thought and an insight into the manners and customs of the Egyptian people. We shall see later how desire to control the commerce of the Nile Valley led to the founding of Alexandria, the city which held such a strategic position in the geographical distribution of Christianity throughout Northern Africa.

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This geographic distribution of Christianity at once challenges our attention. The civilization of North Africa was centered about the fertile Nile Valley. There were several reasons for this. In the first place access to water was an elementary

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seems to have felt during the last few years that his warfare was about ended. He walked three miles to visit St. James just before being confined to his bed. He seemed to have greatly enjoyed Elder T. J. Green's sermon and responded to a request for remarks. He said he was responding for 'it may be my last time, I don't konw.' His remarks were indeed impressive and timely.

He was not very wealthy in this world's goods, even though he had a small farm of 57 acres; he was immensely rich spiritually having lived to a ripe age filled with kindly deeds and useful service in Kingdom building.

The Ministerial Relief Fund of $10.00 was a great solace and real source of joy to him. He had been receiving this amount since May, 1927. It cheered him as nothing else could do. It added much to his comfort in his last days. The end came in four days.

The funeral was ably conducted by Elder T. J. Green of Galveston. He used as a text: "The Master is Come and Calleth for Thee"; John 11:28. Elder W. B. Washington, pastor of St. James assisted him also Rev. M. Wilson of County Line Baptist Church, where the funeral was held. The burial was at Center Line. Miss Emma Dotson, a teacher in the Lyons High School read a touching condolence.

The weather was very disagreeable but the house was packed to its utmost capacity. The crowd even gathered outside in the mud to pay their last tribute and respect to a greatly loved soul who was last of their pioneers in the community. He was truly a great soul with unlimited possibilities for good, the greatest of this community, a rare character indeed and greatly loved by all. The following resolution was adopted by St. James:

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to take from us our beloved Elder Green; and whereas, we know the grief ad suffering of the bereaved family, therefore be it resolved:

That we, the officers and members of St. James Church and its auxiliaries, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and admonish them to humbly bow with us to the Will of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well.

Be it further resolved: That a copy of this obituary, these resolutions and condolences be sent to "The Christian Plea" for publication and be it further resolved: That a copy of the paper be sent to the family.

Elder J. M. Washington, Pastor
Elder L. H. H'cks, Deacon
Elder F. H. Moore, Clerk and Reporter.

CONDOLENCE WILL APPEAR IN NEXT ISSUE

LANGLEY AVENUE CHURCH
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A visit to the Whereman Avenue Church of Christ, Cincinnati, Ohio, of which Elder M. Frazier is Pastor, revealed an enthusiastic group of workers. The church in many respects, showed marked progress. The building has been remodeled and is fully adequate for service, both worshipful, educational and socially in that community. They were enthusiastic in their response to the Missiori message which was my privilege to bring them. Full assurance was given that they would raise their full quota for Missions this year. In response to an appeal in behalf of Christian Plea three subscriptions were taken and the pastor promised to appoint a reporter and make a canvass of the membership for subscriptions.
THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY

H. L. HEROD, Indianapolis, Ind.

The National Convention of the Churches of Christ among the Negroes of America was organized in 1916 at Nashville, Tennessee, with Preston Taylor, the present incumbent, as president. The movement was born out of a sincere desire on the part of a few Negro leaders to make the Negro churches more efficient and aggressive in the work of the Kingdom. To this end organization seemed indispensable. It was felt that the Negro Disciples are a part of the great brotherhood by a common faith in the gospel of Christ and by historic association. Our fathers, although in bonds, heard the words of God as preached by Stone, Scott, Campbell and Gans and accepted it with unspeakable joy and pride in its power. The pull of brotherhood and desire for fellowship in Christian service, coupled with the challenge of the whole program of the whole church were irresistible. Nor could we be blind to the splendid achievements of the Negroes in other religious communions. Indeed we were chagrined when we remembered that although we had the truth, they had the spirit and were doing that work. We realized that many of our good churches were decaying and that our children were being lost to the cause of New Testament Christianity for lack of organization and adequate leadership.

The advantages accruing from the organization have already more than justified its existence. In the first place, the Negro Disciples did not know each other. It was generally known that we had a considerable number of churches and ministers, but there had been no getting together of the forces for conference and mutual encouragement. Nor were we aware of the splendid ministers, educators, laymen and women who make up our Negro churches. Second, a better and closer relationship between ourselves and our white brethren has resulted. Some of them knew that there were a few struggling Negro brethren here and there. They had even done some deeds of mercy for them. Few had dreamed of working with them for their own salvation and the Christianization of the world. Negroes in America were, and largely are, concealed by many of the strictest of our faith as belonging either to the Methodist or Baptist persuasions. Our national meeting from the first has brought representatives of the United Christian Missionary Society and other leaders of Christian work face to face with our outstanding Negro brethren to the wholesome profit and pride of both groups. Third, the national convention from the beginning felt that the organized work of the Negro churches should be one with that of our white churches. There seemed no tenable reason why Christian groups differing widely perhaps in race and maturity should not cooperate, if we are succeeding, not only in workers in the Kingdom of God.

Organizing the local churches for more efficient service but in correlating and articulating that work as auxiliary to the larger work of the church as represented by the United Christian Missionary Society. Fourth, the movement in addition to directing and inspiring our churches with new zeal is developing initiative, the sense of responsibility and leadership. Our churches with increasing pride are realizing that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that they have a great contribution to make to the cause of Christ. Fifth, the National Convention its first year attempted a concrete task. A Jubilee fund of $20,000 had been proposed in 1916 by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The undertaking was indorsed and the amount nearly raised in three years. In 1917 the National Convention adopted three objectives: the building of a church in Washington, D. C., the founding of Central Christian Institute and a share in world missions. An emergency drive for $100,000 was begun in behalf of this threefold task. Pledges amounting to $115,000 were taken. This money is being paid and the objectives are in process of realization. At our convention at Indianapolis, $8,478.34 was reported raised for 1922. That convention adopted a budget of $20,000 to be apportioned among the churches and raised in 1923. The apportionment was based on the emergency pledges yet unpaid and will be expended for the emergency drive objectives.

The United Christian Missionary Society is working through seven of its special representatives who constitute part of the executive committee of the National Convention. J. B. Lehman, superintendent of Negro work, Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs, P. H. Moss and his assistants act field secretaries and other workers supported by the United Christian Missionary Society, have been of inestimable value in giving the National Convention worth and effectiveness. We have always had their presence, wisdom and heartiest cooperation. The general secretaries of the several boards which make up the United Christian Missionary Society have gone out of their way to present the various causes of the church to our people. Our school men, the regional and state evangelists, the dozen or more pastors located and supported altogether or in part at such strategic centers as Washington, Baltimore, Cleveland, Memphis, Day-

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
P. M. MOSS, Supt. of Religious Education, Dept. Editor
MISS B. E. CHANDLER CONTRIBUTING EDITORS V. G. SMITH

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, Missionary Societies, Christian Endeavor Societies and Bible Schools of Maryland and the District of Columbia, convened in Mt. Olive Christian Church, Division Street near Laurin on Thursday, July 11th to 13th, 1929, W. H. Taylor, Entertaining Pastor.

The program was as follows: 1:00 P. M. Church Session, Dr. M. E. Robinson, Presiding; 1 P. M. Devotional, Hagerstown Delegates; 1:15 P. M., President’s Message; 1:45 P. M. Appointment of Committees; 2:00 P. M. Report of Churches; 2:30 Open Discussion—“What Can We Do For The Betterment of Our Work?”; 3:15 P. M., Report of Committees; 4:00 P. M. Election and Installation of Officers; 4:15 P. M. Executive Session; 5:00 P. M. Adjournment; 5:15 Supper.

Evening Session—7:30 P. M. Devotional, Washington Delegates; Welcom Addresses, Responses, Music, Mt. Olive Choir; Sermon, President, Dr. M. E. Robinson, Hagerstown, Md.; Music; Offering; Announcements; Benediction.


Afternoon Session—Christ an Endeavor Societies Session, Mrs. L. A. Claypool, Presiding; 1 P. M. Devotional, Hagerstown Delegates; 1:15 P. M. President’s Message; 1:45 P. M. Appointment of Committees; 2:00 P. M. Report of Societies; 2:30 P. M. Open Discussion “Our National Christian Endeavor Convention”; 3:15 P. M. Report of Committees; 4:00 P. M. Election and Installation of Officers; 4:15 P. M. Executive Session; 5:00 P. M. Adjournment; 5:15 P. M. Supper.

Evening Session—7:30 P. M. Devotional, Mt. Olive Delegates; 8:00 P. M. Special Music; Sermon, Elder H. D. Griffin, Washington, D. C.; Offering; Announcements; Benediction.

Saturday, July 13th—Morning Session—8:00 A. M. Breakfast; Bible School Session, Mr. W. C. Bowie, Presiding; 9:00 A. M. Devotional; 9:15 A. M. President’s Message; 9:45 A. M. Appointment of Committees; 10:00 A. M. Reports of Schools; 10:30 A. M. Open Discussion—“Our National Bible School Convention.” 11:00 A. M. Report of Committees; 11:30 A. M. Election and Installation of Officers; 12 M. Adjournment; 12:15 P. M. Dinner.

Afternoon Session—1:30 P. M.—Sight-seeing Trip.

Officers of the Church Convention: Dr. M. E. Robinson, President; W. H. Taylor, Vice President; E. A. Stevenson, Treasurer; Mrs. Pearl Clark, Secretary.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN CHURCH


Bible School: General Theme—“Religious Training.”

Wednesday Morning, July 24—Forty-ninth Annual Session, President, Mrs. E. W. Hancock, Presiding 9:00 A. M. Devotional, Fairview; 9:15 A. M. Appointment of Committee, President; Greetings from each school, Districts; 10:00 A. M. Mr. W. C. Bowie, Offering; Announcements; Benediction.

New Delegates’ Period by new Delegates; Introduction of visitors; Offering; Announcements.

Afternoon Session—2:00 P. M. Devotional, Louisville Third; 2:15 P. M. Report of Districts, President; District No. 2, Mrs. Aurelia Hamilton; District No. 7, Mrs. L. G. Smith; District No. 4, Mrs. Ida Owen; District No. 5, William Walker; District No. 6, C. H. Johnson; 2:45 P. M. Mr. B. M. Music, Mt. Sterling; “A Constructive Program of Bible School Work”, Miss E. M. Haden; 3:30 P. M. Music, Covington.

3:45 P. M. Address, C. E. Cummings, Supt. Ky. Bible School Association; Music, Convention Choir; 4:15 P. M. Bible School Institute Conducted by President; Offering; Announcements; Benediction.

“ON TO WINSTON-SALEM,” NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26th,
CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION
By J. B. Lehman

WE ARE FOUNDATION BUILDERS
OF A NEW CIVILIZATION

"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to a place
which he was to receive for an
inheritance; and he went out, not knowing
whither he went. By faith he
became a sojourner in the land of prom-
ise, as in a land not his own, dwelling
in tents. With Isaac and Jacob, the
heirs with him of the same promise:
for he looked for the city which hath
the foundations, whose builder and
maker is God."

Think of a man whose spiritual head
was up in the air like Abraham had his.
The ordinary men see only what
is transpiring around him, but here was
a man who could look up and on to
things that were to come. If Abra-
ham could step down to us now and we
could with him go over the four thou-
sand years that have come and gone
since his day, what a conversa-
ton we could have with him about the
kingdom for which he was then laying the
foundation! We could talk about the
fourteen centuries of the Jewish na-
tional life. Then we could talk about
the nineteenth century of the sweep
of the kingdom of Christ. Then he
with his wonderful faith, could tell
us what is yet to be. What an inter-
view that would be!

But we are in as strategic a posi-
tion as Abraham was. God has great
things in store for the world because
of America. It was not discovered
until such a time as Europe had pro-
gressed sufficiently to begin to reform.
Then America came the "spillway", and
the martyr-reformers of Europe.
The Pilgrims came from England to
Pennsylvania, the French Hugenots to
almost all the seaboard, the Mennon-
ites and Dunkers to Pennsylvania and
New Jersey. We have a fine group of
builders at work and they will
raise their heads above the little in-
sitious quarrels of the past. We
need leaders who will feel that they
are civilization builders. Our trouble
in race relations is wholly due to
what our fathers did. If we are not
careful we will give down to our
children just as he did a situation as our
fathers gave down to us. We can
settle nothing of the past. Our job is
to build something new for the
future. Then let us forget the old quar-
rels. But, some one will say, what
are we to do if the other fellow will
not forget them? Forget it anyway.
That is why Christ said we should
not do evil for evil. One Abraham
was worth ten million Lots. Until Amer-
ica develops a new spirit of social rel-
ations, a new spirit along all lines, it
cannot do much. But we have a fine
group of builders at work and they will
build a new house for the future. The
architects are at work now drawing
the blueprints. They are the men
and women who are preaching the
idealisms. We have a fine group of
carpenters and masons who are laying
up the walls. They are the teach-
ers and preachers struggling with the
people.

Then if this is true, the best that
we can do is to do what we
can do to prepare architects and
builders. Every church should go
carfully through every family of its
membership and pick out the best
spiced and send them off to school.
The U. C. M. S. is spending nearly
fifty thousand dollars annually to
build schools. Let us cooperate with
them and fill these schools with fine
boys and girls who will prepare to be
become leaders in this civilization build-
ing enterprise.

CONVENTION NOTICE

The National Christian Missionary
Convention of the Churches of Christ
will convene in the nineteenth An-
nual meeting, beginning Monday, Aug-
ust 26, 1929, in the city of Winston-
Salem, North Carolina. This session
will continue through the first Lord's
day in September.

There has never been a convention
held in the history of our organiza-
tion that a more important than this
one.

The program committee is arran-
ging a most entertaining and attractive
program. There will be excellent re-
ports, inspiring addresses, instructive
conferences, happy banquet hours and
a plenty of heart-warming fellow-
ship.

In the selection of a place of meet-
ing, Winston-Salem, (the twin city)
will prove to be idealistic. The dis-
cance is in reach of everybody. One
can go by way of Atlanta, Ga., Knox-
ville and Morristown, Roanoke, Va.
and Piedmont Christian Institute at
Martinsville, Va., or by the way of
Washington City.

We have four fine congregations of
brethren in that city, and they are
making every preparation to enter-
t in us by the hundreds.

A broad invitation has been ex-
tended to the Disciples of Christ in
North Carolina and Virginia to meet
with us and have full fellowship.

Plan now to send your pastor and a
big delegation to the GREATEST Na-
tional Convention of the Churches of
Christ.

PRESTON TAYLOR.

BEST WAY TO PROMOTE UNION

The Disciples of Christ will count
for most in the effort to establish
Christian union by being united among
themselves. Every one must refrain
from introducing practices of mere
personal taste or opinion and work for
the things that promote peace. If
one creates strife in his own religious
group how can he be trusted as a lead-
er in the Christian union movement
in general?

Some are trying to introduce into
our churches the things that origi-
nally caused division among Chris-
tians and in doing so they imagine
that they are "progressive brethren." It
is perfectly futile and particularly
ridiculous to beg for a recognition
that has divided the church originally,
imagining that these will unite the
people.

To build up a strong, true, well-
or ganized body of members who be-
love in the church; who make Christ's
word the supreme law of their lives;
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THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST to be held with the Cleveland Ave. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., August 26-September 1, 1929.

Monday, August 26.—9:00 A. M.—Meeting of the Joint Executive Committee.

9:00 P. M. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Convention.

8:00 P. M. Devotions, locally conducted.

8:20 P. M. Program of Welcome under local auspices.

9:20 P. M. Response to Welcome, Elder Preston Taylor, Tenn.


10:00 P. M. Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.


10:15 A. M. Address—"Glorifying the Ministry thru Evangelism", Chief Stately, N. C.

10:45 A. M. Music.

10:50 A. M. Business Period.

(c) Partial Report of Joint Committee.

(b) Report of Executive Committee.

(c) Report of States.

11:50 A. M. Announcements.

Tuesday Afternoon—2:00 P. M. Devotions Elder G. M. Dickerson, Virginia.

2:15 Symposium—"Glorifying the Ministry"

(a) The Call of Christ to the Ministry, Elder G. C. Campbell, Ohio.

(b) Thru Adequate Training, Elder B. T. Hunt, Tennessee.

(c) Thru Financial Support, Eld. H. Davis, Ohio.

(d) Thru Moral Support, Elder Wm. Alphin, Missouri.

(e) Thru Spiritual Support, Eld. C. E. Craggrett, Missouri.

3:30 Music.

4:00 Report of Superintendent of Missions, Mr. J. B. Lehman, Miss.


4:35 Announcements, Adjournment.

Tuesday Evening—8:00 Devotions, Elder H. D. Griffin, D. C.

8:20 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru the Church, Elder Preston Taylor, Tennessee.

8:50 Special Music.

9:00 Sermon, Chief W. A. Fordham, N. C.

9:35 Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning, August 28th—9:00 Devotions, Eld. R. F. Hayes, Tennessee.

9:15 General Business Period.

10:00 Business Period.

(c) Partial Report of Recommendations Committee.

(b) Report of Other Committee.

(c) Report of Field Secretaries.

11:00 Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru World Christianity, Dr. A. E. Cory, N. C.

11:30 Report of Educational Secretary.

11:50 Announcements, Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon—2:00 Devotions, Eld. H. S. Hairston, Va.

8:15 Address—"The Ministry of the Lay Member", Dr. J. B. Hankell, Ind.

8:35 Address—"The Church and the Press", Eld. P. A. Gray, Mo.

9:00 Special Music.

9:05 Sermon, Eld. B. C. Calvert, Miss.

(a) Report of Officers.

(b) Report of States.

11:00 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru the W. M. S., Mrs. A. L. Martin, Mo.

11:30 Address—The Missionary Society an Opportunity for Interracial Cooperation, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Ind.

11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon, 2:00 Devotions Mrs. S. R. Thomas, Miss.

2:15 Address and Conference—The Need of an Intensive Course of Missionary Education in the Local Church, Mrs. B. B. Hutshell, Ky.

3:00 Address—The Mission Field as I Saw Them, Mrs. Settle, N. C.

3:30 Business Period.

(a) Report of Committees.

(b) Report of Field Secretary.

(c) All Unfinished Business.

4:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Friday Morning, August 29th—Religious Education Period.

9:00 Devotions, Miss Anna Pranty, Virginia.

9:15 General Business Period.

9:40 Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

Thursday Morning, August 29th—

W. M. S. Period—9:00 Devotions, Mrs. Hattie Butler, Ind.

9:15 General Business Period.

10:00 Report of Enrollment Committee and Appointment of Committee.

10:15 Business Period.

10:00 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru the Bible School, Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.

10:30 Report of Enrollment Committee and Appointment of Committees.


11:15 Conference—Problems and Programs of the Superintendent, P. H. Moss, Virginia.

11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Friday Afternoon—2:00 Devotions, Miss Essie Thomas, Virginia.

2:15 Address—Major Objectives of Religious Education, Mr. Edgar Stevenson, Maryland.

4:25 Address—Teaching the Children thru Projects, Miss Alpha Penn, Virginia.

4:30 Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

3:30 Business Period.

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BETWEEN TWO HILLS

We are looking forward to the Convention both at Knoxville and Winston-Salem. I hope that each Bible School in the State as well as each Department is working hard to raise its National Apportionment as well as the State Apportionment. Remember the Bible tells us “Thou shall not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn”. Now unless we send the money to help carry on the work we cannot expect the work to go on.

However, if the Churches had sent in their apportionment St. Louis would not be boasting of Wm. Alphin as their Pastor, but because we failed Alphin had to come off the field. We can’t keep people like P. H. Moss, Fmr. Alphin, Rosa B. Grubbs and Bessie Chandler on the field if we fail to do our bit.

We need more trained Officers in the Church and on the Board. The Minister might preach 1111 his life, but the work will drag. What is true at one dollar ($1.00) but eight ($8.00) was inspiring as well as uplifting with us on May 8th. Her message at this place is true everywhere.

Our good sister Rosa B. Grubbs was with us on May 8th. Her message was inspiring as well as uplifting.

I hope each Bible School will try this year to make a good report. Each School is asked to send eight ($8.00) dollars to the Convention. Do not send one dollar ($1.00) but eight ($8.00) dollars.

How do you expect the State to develop unless you send five dollars ($5.00), how do you expect to be represented in the National Convention unless you send $2.00. When you start to the State Convention don’t come with a hand full of give ree and a mouth full of much oblige, but come with an all around report then the State can go over the top and from Knoxville we will pull for Winston-Salem.

D. W. Bradley, State B S. President.

CONVENTIONS

The Mississippi State Convention convenes in Greenwood, Miss., week of August 14th thru Sunday. Bro. I. C. Franklin, President.


A WORD FROM SISTER GRUBBS

The National Convention accepted as its aim for this year $10,000 and for this amount the United Society depended on us, to carry forward the work in ten great foreign fields and in the homeland. Failure to reach this aim increases the deficit, and increasing the deficit means retrenchment.

At the June meeting of the Joint Executive Committee, we were short of our aim approximately $2500.00. The Committee voted to extend the period for the payment of apportionment to August 20th, and that in the meantime, every church be requested to make a very special effort to complete its apportionment.

If your church has sent its full apportionment, perhaps many would like to send an additional “love gift” to help us “go over the top.”

Our slogan for some years has been, “One dollar per member for missions”. Let us go up to the National Convention at Winston-Salem, August 28-September 1, with the best record ever.

Please write me you will do your best for I have great anxiety in the matter. Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am very sincerely yours,

Rosa Brown Grubbs.

BEST WAY TO PROMOTE UNION

(Continued from page three)

who go out to seek and to save the lost; and who honor the New Testament as the full teachings of Jesus Christ, is the surest way to promote Christian union. No doubt there must be a written statement in order to arrive at a common understanding. No man need exercise his ingenuity to produce th’s for we already have it. It is the New Testament. If any man will take that book and live by it, or any church believe and practice it, such will stand upon ground from which they never need to move in order to have Christian union.
Our friends are of a peculiar type. Some of those dearest today were but acquaintances when we were in their town, but through correspondence the bond has been strengthened.

Perhaps the greatest treasure from this ministry is the host of friends we have found, friends who are scattered far and wide. But sometimes in despondency I have wondered if I had a real friend in the whole world, for a minister's wife is not allowed that lifelong communion that so many other friends enjoy. However ours proved to be of sterling variety recently with my book, "Hafsa," was published, and today it is scattered in hundreds of homes from California to Virginia, through the efforts of our friends, just a slight token of what they would do, if necessary.

Our friends are of a peculiar type. Some of those dearest today were but passing acquaintances when we were in their town, but through correspondence the bond has been strengthened. What a pleasure these letters are! If one were Judas minded, what stories might be written from the suggestions on their pages? stories that would rival any of those in the so-called "True Stories." Again what inspiration we have received from others as we read them over and over again.

Some from missionaries are almost worn out, having been handled so often, wept over, prayed over, and passed on to interested groups.

Other letters have the confidence of broken-hearted men and women, even young people, pleading for prayers, to help them with their burden. If we have made it lighter with our prayers and help, if staggering footsteps are strengthened, if wayward children have been brought back, if misunderstandings have been cleared up, through our prayers and efforts in answer to these pleas—is not our ministry worth while?

The first year of my experience as a local minister's wife, I tried to please everyone. It was impossible. I found that the ideal minister's wife should have several distinctive qualities, such as Irish humor; Scotch thrift; American pride; African working ability; Italian romanticism; and executive ability that would put a political manager to shame.

It seemed that there should also be equal parts of Bible knowledge; dress-making; sympathy; and mother-kindness. There should be the musical ability of Galli Curci; the memory and ability to meet people that would excel even that of Roosevelt; the patience of Job; the wisdom of Solomon and the British combined; the honesty of Washington; the culinary ability of Aunt Jenina; and theiterary temperament of a Gene Stratton Porter. She must have a policy manner that means all things to all people, equal to that of a presidential candidate. She must dare not offend, nor, not even when a grimy little street urchin slips in, as though at home, and uninvited, sits beside a very aristocratic guest at dinner party. She must cultivate the admiration of all.

Like many others, I took to my bed, trying to live up to the program laid down for the minister's wife by the average church in the average town. It was white dawn, that Irish humor came to the surface, and I learned to see the funny side, to see the human interest, to see the pathetic side of it all. Folks wanted their minister's wife to be all of the things that they admired, even though they couldn't cultivate them in themselves. They wanted it for her own good. Even yet, I am looking for some of those earnest minded folks to start legislation on the matter some day, trying to solve it as they solve other problems, by passing a law against it.

Not against ministers having wives, oh, not but against their having undesirable traits. If you disagree, just listen in and hear the questions asked about the wife of the minister being considered for some certain field. Why they even cere to hiring a minister, until is he old enough to have a wife, otherwise our students would be holding some of the best pulpits!

I have known a few, a very few wives, to become embittered under this stringency, but as a rule they take solace in the Scripture "I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me," and carry on to the olio of ability, waiting for a time when the Lord will deliver His criticism, and we hope will say "Well done, thou faithful servant."

FOR ALL THE MISSIONARY SAINTS

For all thy saints who labor on, we pray—
Thy patient, toiling saints, who still are here,
Climbing and faltering up life's rugged way,
Forget them not, O Lord, to them be near.

For all thy saints in far-flung lines, who still
Gallantly raise thy standard 'gainst the foe,
We plead—O show them perfectly thy will,
Give them the succors of thy hand to know.

Help them, with lifted heads, to stem the tide
Of hostile forces menacing their lives;
A'd each true saint, on fields of battle wide,
As with the ranks of sin he sternly strives.

These are thy saints, O God—as truly thine
As those that rest before the great White Throne.
May they, at last, in the same radiance shine;
May they, like them, be numbered as thine own.

May they, when life's long fight is fully o'er,
Join in that hallelujah chorus grand
Among the victors gathered on heaven's shore,
Who, crowned and robed in white, triumphant stand!

—Elizabeth S. Baird in Missionary Survey.
LITTLE ROCK—“CITY OR ROSES”
Sunday July 14th, 1929 was a Red Letter Day for the Disciples of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Christians entered their new house of worship on the above date. A beautiful red brick building splendidly located on the corner of Cross and 13th Street.

Beautiful carpet covers the aisles and platform. A big electric fan whizzes over head to make one pleasant physically. A well arranged baptistry is to the rear of the pulpit. Bro. Ash, coming from the Episcopal Church has the distinction of being the first to symbolize the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in baptism there. Bro. Ash was baptised in Christ by the beloved Pastor Bostick at 1:30 P. M.

Bro. Moss had charge of the Bible School Sunday morning. Bro. Moss (the man with the smile) is trying to teach us the better way through Religious Education. One cannot ever estimate the worth of Bro. Moss to the great Christian brotherhood.

Bro. Ricks, his teacher, and co-workers are doing a splendid work in the Bible School in the Cross St. Christian Church.

A number of out-of-town visitors were present and presented to the Bible School by Bro. Bostick. Bro. Utilla Phillips of Memphis and a representation of the church at England, Arkansas spoke.

The eleven o'clock services were ushered in by the sweet-voiced choir under the direction of Bro. Dean. The pastor Bro. Bostick introduced Elder Blair Hunt of Memphis who preached the introductory sermon—Text: “What means ye these stones?”

Following the morning services the baptism of Bro. Ash followed. Elder Bostick spoke in the significance of Baptism. The next were invitations by the wholesale to dinner.

After dinner the Dedication services. Our beloved and patient Bro. Lehman preached the Dedication Sermon. Bro. Lehman is truly a God inspired prophet. For his text he used the latter verses of Christ’s Sermon on The Mount. He pictured to us the Negro’s great opportunity here in America where God will prove to the world either through our volunteer efforts or thru conscripting us that all nations can live in peace in this one great country.

At these services pastors and brethren from the local white congregation were present and aided by leading devotionals, by delivering the charge and by furnishing inspirational talks and music.

The Corner Stone laying was to follow. It was our misfortune to leave at this time for our home city. We regretted to miss it; the C. E. under Bro. Cole and the Night services but we were forced to leave for home.

The Church was happy to see and to hear President Irvin of Jarvis College.

Elder Bostick with his helpmate Sister Bostick, with officers and loyal members deserve great praise in constructing so magnificent a monument to Jesus Christ. The words of the morning text: “What mean ye by these Stones?” The answer comes that on the Corner of Cross and Thirteenth Streets in the City of Little Rock those stones and bricks and lumber mean much. They are vocal. They declare forth in clear tones: “God should be worshipped.”

“For sake not the assembling of yourselves together.”

“Come hither, and do your devotions after the manner presbered for you in the New Testament.”

“We are standing simply and only as a church of Christ.”

Finally, these stones and bricks, this building. The Cross Street Christian Church will be ever saying in clarion tones: “All of God’s People should be one.”

So all praise to Bro. Bostick, to all the brethren and sisters and friends who labored for the erection of God’s House.

ELLIOTT CHURCH
CONVENTION GREETINGS
We are now about to greet another Convention that will be held at Russellville, Arkansas. We hope everybody will come with a Convention spirit. Last Year we discussed many interesting subjects, and we are expecting to discuss more in terms that the State Disciples will be raised.

A few days ago we received our Conference Representative, he message was very interesting. I must say to the adults and young people, if we have in our Churches, what the world needs let us cooperate and make plans so the world can see it and receive it.

M. L. Turner, President of State Convention.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY
By Elder C. H. Dickerson

Lexington, Capitol of the Blue Grass goes over the top again. Contracts let for new roofing, interior decoration, annex and voted unanimously for State Convention in 1930. One hundred and thirty four dollars collection yesterday looking toward local apps and State Convention at Little Rock, Ark., July 24-28. All departments working.

Pastor Wilson says “All things are ready for Convention and Come.” Fare from Paris to Little Rock is fifty cents per head. All Comers to wait at railroad depot or traction station until called for and taken out from Paris. Don’t worry they will come for you.

Preachers should “load heavy” for the country is not yet free from “Bear Tracks.”

Some Kentucky Churches are again on the Preacher Hunt, as are also some preachers, church searchers. Old Kentucky needs you my good brethren and Conventions are times when all partees are of “Sound Mind and Disposing Memory.”

Greetings Till I shake your hand.

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THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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(c) Report of Committees.

(d) Report of Field Secretaries.

4:55 Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday Evening—8:00 Devotions, Miss Katherine Spencer, Virginia.

8:15 Address—Religious Education in the Fam'ty, Elder J. L. Law, Virginia.

8:15 Special Music, Choir.

8:55 Sermon—The Ministry of Teaching, Eld. R. Wesley Watson, Ohio.

9:30 Offering, Announcement, Adjournment.

Saturday Morning, August 31st—

9:00 Devotions, Miss Christine Spencer, Virginia.


9:45 Address—Social and Recreational Program for Youth, Prof. W. J. Alphin, Missouri.

10:15, Conference—Building Worship Programs, led by Mrs. E. B. Chandler, Kansas.

10:45 Conference—A Model Christian Endeavor Session, led by V. G. Smith, Missouri.

11:00 Business Period.

(a) Report of Officers.

(b) Report of States.

(c) Report of Committees.

11:30 Announcements, Adjournment. Saturday Afternoon—Leisure Period.

Sunday Evening—Social Conference Activities under C. E. Department.

Sunday Morning, September 1.

9:30 Bible School.

11:00 Worship Services.


12:00 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Communion Service in charge of Local Forces.

Sunday Afternoon—3:00 Worship.

3:25 Sermon, (2,2)311 wwwwmmmm

Services.


4:00 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Sunday Evening. 8:00 Worship Services.

8:30 Sermon, to be supplied.

8:50 Offering, Closing Remarks, Benediction.

Periods marked "General Business Periods" are set aside for the Report of the Joint Executive Committee to the Convention and that particular department especially. If not used for this, it belongs to the department in session.
FORTY YEARS' RESIDENCE IN NASHVILLE OBSERVED

Lea Avenue Christian Church
Honors Elder Preston Taylor
As Pastor

Sixty years in the ministry of the Christian Church, forty years as a resident of Nashville were the two anniversaries observed by the congregation of Lea Avenue Christian Church, pastored by the Rev. Preston Taylor, in his honor. Careful plans and great preparations had been made for the occasion. Some of the very intimate friends of Elder Taylor were invited to be present. The entire program was in charge of the young people of the church, who, in arranging the celebration of this unique affair, raised a purse to present to him. This purse represented $100.00 in cash. In addition to this there were a number of beautiful and serviceable tokens. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Mattie Carter. Other addresses and talks were made by Mrs. J. C. Thompson and others, including Henry Allen Boyd, who represented the National Baptist Publishing Board's Plant.

After the exercises and response by "Elder Taylor," as he is affectionately called by Lea Avenue Christian Church, lemonade and ice cream were served to the large gathering that had about this hour filled the front yard of Greenwood, resting under the shades and lounging on the velvety green lawn that is as smooth as a parlor carpet.

"Forty years ago I came to this city directed by the Lord, to do a piece of religious work; forty years ago I entered into the affairs of Nashville as a minister. I have endeavored to do as the Lord commanded me, and yet, I may have made some mistakes, but for sixty years I have been in the gospel ministry. If there is anything worthy to compliment me on, and if I have done anything that has helped struggling humanity, then I am fully repaid. I thank those friends who gather here, the young people whose idea is being carried out in this little affair, and my acquaintances far and near for their kind sympathy and expressions. I do not feel that I have lived but sixty years for the Master, because my association and residence here has been one of more pleasure than failure, more light than shadow. It has been a joy, especially to know you, whom to know is to love. Any man would count himself fortunate to be able to have the oversight of a congregation and church like Lea Avenue. You are loyal you are sympathetic, you are worthy; that is my opinion. May God bless you in your efforts," said Elder Preston Taylor in his remarks after the presentation speech, the tokens and the purse of $100.00.

Elder Preston Taylor

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the door of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding. Its histories are true and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its Grand Subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It's a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life will be opened at the judgment and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

A PRAYER

Heavenly joy I do not seek,
Good Lord, I do not ask to be
From need to serve the frail and weak
And every worthy cause set free.
Grant me, not always blissful rest
But strength to finish every task.
Let me press on to the end,
To meet whatever fate may be,
To play the neighbor and the friend
Knowing the world has need of me.
And when my earthly course is run,
Set me to tasks which must be done.
THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN
ENDEAVOR CONVENTION
Kansas City, Missouri
July 3-8
Patrick Henry Moss

From July 3 to 8, Kansas City became the mecca for thousands of
Youth People and their leaders. The Endeavor Convention held its opening
Thirty-Second International Christian
session to the public Wednesday evening
at 7:30 o’clock in the convention
Hall, 18th and Central Streets.
Praise service was directed by Percy
S. Foster. The Convention Chorus of
several hundred voices was under the
leadership of Prof. John E. Jones.
Address of welcome was given by Mayor
Albert I. Beach. After special music the
Presentation of the President’s Chair
was made by Mrs. Francis E.
Clark, the wife of the late Dr. Francis
Clark. The keynote Address by Dr. Daniel A. Balser, Prov. of the
International Society of Christian
Convention was “Crusade With Christ”.
“For Christ and the Church,” is more
than a slogan; it is a program, he said.

One of the special features of the
evening was the Recognition of the suc-
sessful Unions. There were banners
awarded. The Golden Rule C. E.
Union (colored) of District of Columbia
received reward for successful work. Hotel Baltimore was headquar-
ters of the C. E. Convention. Many
of the dinners for Trustees, Field Sec-
taries, State Presidents and Interna-
tional Society Officers were held in
this hotel. Many of the sectional Con-
ferences were held at the Shrine Tem-
ples.

One of the most outstanding features of the convention was the Crusaders’
Parade; state delegations marched in
costume; it was a beautiful sight. to
see Twelve Thousand Young People
and leaders line up as plighted Crus-
aders with Christ in Evangelism, Cit-
tizenship and Peace. This army of
Christian young people marching on
Grand Avenue in Kansas City gave a
new meaning to the close of July as
they went singing “Onward Christian Soldiers!” Marching as to war, with
the Cross of Jesus going on before.
Gates of hell can never ‘Gainst The
Church Prevail. We have Christ’s own
promise which can never fail”, etc.
“For Christ and the Church” is truly
more than a slogan, it is a program
that must be carried out by the youth
of the church.

The afternoon and evening programs
were held at Convention Hall. Thurs-
day night was the beginning of the
Interstate Oratorian’s contest. (Ca-
flations limited to eight minutes each)
These messages were given by the
Youth People from three to five each
evening with some outstanding Adult
closing the program with a great
speech. The following subjects were
discussed: “Christian Endeavor and
World Peace”, “Christian Endeavor
and Evangelism”. It is interesting to
note that among the many contest-
ants Miss Marian Jackson of Wash-
ington, D. C. (colored), won second
place on the subject of Christian
Endeavor and Evangelism. Dr. A. H.
Corby (Disciple) brought a great mes-
ga on Evangelism. Mr. Corby called
special attention to the “new call of
the mission field”; “The particular
was the application a century ago.”
People went out because of the ter-
pal of idle gods, today the world is call-
ing for a common Christianity. The
first problem is the unsted moral
condition.

The missionary and soldier do not go
to the foreign field for the same pur-
pose today. The World—“Go to get”
Christ—“Go to give”. It is the
golden age of many James Kelly,
Glenn, Scott and Country Re-
sity of World Sunday School Associa-
tion brought a great message on “World
Peace”. “Peace, yes, he said, but
just ce first, righteousness and peace
must go hand in hand.” We are or-
ganized for war, we must organize
and educate for peace. Madame
Schuman-Heinck graced the occasion
with a great message in song, “The
Lord Remem’ry His Children.”
In most conventions Saturday night
brings a slump in the program. The
Saturday night program of the C. E.
Convention was one of the best both
in content and attendance. Honore
Rhodeheaver directed the praise ser-
vice. Then the address, “What Chris-
tiana Endeavor Stand For?”, “Pro
Christo et Ecclesia”, Carlton Sher-
wood, Extension Secretary, Internat-
ional.

Special music for the evening service
furnished by Miss Inez Stevens, (col-
ored) soprano, 16-year old pupil of
Madame Schuman-Heinck. This young
lady did honor to herself and there-
for to the race.

Early Sunday morning, from all
directions of the city, there was a
stream of humanity flowing toward
Liberty Memorial Hall to engage in
the sunrise praise service. Rhodeheav-
erned the song service. Prayer was
offered by Rev. William L. Wash-
ington, (colored) of Washington, D.
C. Speaker Dr. Daniel A. Poling. He
spoke at length upon Peter’s desire
to build upon the mountain. The
mountain, he said is no place to live,
we go to the mountain for vision, but
the valley is the place where the people
live, it is the place where work is to
do. Young people of the Nation
God is calling you to serve where the
people are. After this hour of pray-
er and meditation, the people went
directly down to attend services at the
many churches in Kansas City.
Fred W. Ramsey, Corpsman brought
a great message on Personal Evangelism.
Evangelism is the challenge of the
cross. “If I be lifted up” has been
fulfilled in all ages. Sometimes it
takes a calvary in our own mind to
help us understand its deep meanings.

The closing session of the conven-
tion was the most impressive I ever
witnessed. Dr. Poling called for deci-
sion of those who would serve in Chris-
tian work somewhere and in someway.
Hundreds of young folk stood up and
went forward as an expression of their
decision to serve in kingdom building.
Many stood up to confess their faith
in Christ. Again their attention was
called to their pledge to “Crusade for
Evangelism, for Citizenship and for
World Peace. The New C. E. en-
surate was to lift both hands up, and
say: “I will See This Thing Through.”
Prof. Jones’ Great Chorus rendered
“Low Church” and a song “Since
Jesus Came into my Heart.” Joining
hands as a verse of Best Be The Tie
That Binds”, “God Be With You” and
the Closing Prayer.
May I call the attention of the young
people of the Disciples of Christ to
the Christian Endeavor Standard Program as put out by the
United Christian Missionary Society.
Will you begin anew the Crusade with
Christ, with the Young People of
the World? Shall we Endeavor to bring
our local secretaries up to the stand-
ard.

“ON TO WINSTON-SALEM,” NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26th,
WHO WILL PERFORM THE TASK?

"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us." Is. 6:8.

The trouble with our race relations is that it is not based on the eternal principles taught by Jesus, and he said that a house built upon the sand will fall whenever the storm comes. Whatever is not built on justice and Mercy and Faith will not stand. It must be on justice, for injustice can not endure; and it must be on faith, for all we do must look to the future.

The basis for our race relations was not found by us, but is was given to us from another age and another civilization. It was just handed down to us and we took it and used it just as our fathers used it. The serious problem with us is not what is, but, how are we to avoid handing it down to our children unmodified? If we do, then our children will have to go on complaining as we are complaining. We know what it is, but some of us do not know how to change it.

Now who will change it? We can not send the politician, white or colored; we can not send the selfish man, for he can not save himself. Then whom shall we call?

1. First of all let us call the Christian Negro who has had a good chance under Christian teachers. He can do more than any one else. This has been proved a thousand times. When Booker T. Washington said "Let your buckets down where you are" he electrified the whole world. When Jacob Kendy did such an outstanding missionary work he moved the mission spirit of a brotherhood. Of course it must not be the Negro who is bitter against the white people, it must not be the one who is bitter against present conditions. It must be the one who loves the world and is willing to endure if need be that he may save the world. The foremost place in the task of building a better race relation must be yielded to the Christian Negro.

2. Next, we must call the young white men who have just studied their course in "Social Justice." In ability to do the work, they come close second to the Christian Negro. These young white men and women, and, preferably, southern white men and women, must begin to study the situation of the Negro people with a view of doing their duty to them. The very first thing the Negro needs is good schools so that the children may grow up with a proper training. The next thing is to begin to build up a sentiment against rank injustice. The Negro girls and women must be protected like all other girls and women.

If race integrity is to be maintained then this principle must be brought to the people. These young white men and women must begin to study anew the white man's claim to superiority; for any superiority that must be maintained by shrewd organization and un-just advantage is not superiority at all and will go at the first storm. The only way the white man can maintain his superiority is by outstripping others in growth. If by working for all the other peoples the white man does not himself outgrow them then there is something wrong. The white man must quit trying to maintain his superiority by force and must begin to maintain it by merit of service. The present course pursued by the white people is compelling the Negro to build an empire within an empire and in less than an hundred years that will create a worse situation than slavery created. We need men of faith who can look ahead to see what certain policies will lead to.

There is just one safe way for us and that is to do our duty to all men irrespective of race or color. All other courses are like building on the sand. When the storm comes all will fail. God is now giving us the opportunity to work. Tomorrow we may not be able to do anything. Let us ask God for guidance and then go to work.

CONVENTION NOTICE!

The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ will convene in the Thirteenth Annual meeting, beginning Monday, August 26, 1929, in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This session will continue through the first Lord's Day in September.

There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one.

The program committee is arranging a most entertaining and attractive program. There will be excellent reports, inspiring addresses, instructive conferences, happy banquet hours and a plenty of heart-warming fellowship.

In the selection of a place of meeting, Winston-Salem, (the twin city) will prove to be idealistic. The distance is in reach of everybody. One can go by way of Atlanta, Ga., Knoxville and Morristown, Roanoke, Va., and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City.

We have four fine congregations of brethren in that city, and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds.

A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.

Plan now to send your pastor and a big delegation to the GREATEST National Convention of the Churches of Christ.

PRESTON TAYLOR.
WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

Will a man rob God? Is the question
That cometh to you and me;
The spirit of the soul who speaketh
Reflects what the answer should be.

Thou robbeth all, thou robbeth
When by refusal thou try'st
To render a cause for withholding.
Thou robbeth in offerings and tithes.

What answer canst thou give for keeping
The things that belong not to thee
For he who holds back from the Giver,
Rob's others, rob's self, rob's me.

You say you will give what you're able;
Your giving then amounteth to
naught,
For into your real life and actions
The spirit of Christ has not wrought.

Isn't all of thy gold and thy silver,
Isn't all land thy feet ever trod,
Isn't even life, the health, and strength,
Directly the gift of God?

One-tenth of thy gold and silver,
If thou wouldst be truly blest;
One-seventh of thy time for service,
To enter the Heaven of Rest,
Ten-tenths of thy love and devotion,
For I am a jealous God;
Ten-tenths of thy Holy Worship,
To escape the chastening rod.

O man, thou'rt born for a purpose,
Thy service, thy talent, thy all,
Is to be used for the plan of redemption,
Hear the voice of Jehovah's great call.

Shall I slight the voice of my Saviour?
Poor pitiful, self-seeking elf,
Wrapped up 'in a spiritual deception,
And only deceiving myself.

Let us hear His sweet voice and obey
Him,
Let us list to His gentle call;
Let us give of our earthly treasures,
Serve, give talent, give all.

Sing the song of the light that is breaking,
Let the world hear its sweet soothing sound
Let it reach to the heart of all nations,
Spread the news of salvation around.

Awake, then to life and duty;
Awake, throw all doubting away;
Awake, to the service of mankind;
Awake to the new call of day.

—Selected.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS
AND CHURCH WORKERS

“COUNTRY LIFE AND WORK”

(A good paper by Rev. W. S. Ellington, A. B., D. D., Pastor First
Baptist Church, East Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Ellington was a member of a
class of twenty-two who took the course in “Problems of the Rural
Church” taught by Mr. J. J. Green of
St. Louis, Mo.)

We cannot set forth in words what
we feel we have received in this class.
It has not been top-heavy with much
learning, but teacher and scholars
have sat down and discussed the
rural problems face to face and heart to heart.
Our teacher is a master in the
use of the inductive method of teaching.
He knows how to draw out of his
scholars their best thoughts on
any given topic, and how to lead them
to the attainment of higher and better
things.

We are convinced that the country church is in great need of ministers
and leaders that live with the people;
who are actually in the same boat
with them. These people suffer a
great deal from ministers and other leaders who simply meet the people
in the rural churches on Sunday and
leave them on Monday to spend the rest of the week in some big city.
The minister who teaches to the people
in the rural churches be well educated,
be a lover of rural life, an admirer of
nature and a sympathizer of the simple
people. Wherever the teacher or
preacher possesses these qualities and
teaches the people how to subsist upon
the soil by getting a part of their
livelihood out of the soil he then
teaches by precept and example.

The rural church is a strategic point
in race possibilities, but it does not keep pace with the rural schools,
especially the Rosenwald schools. The
rural church, as a rule, is simply a
one room edifice that opens its doors
on Sunday and once a year for pro-
tracted meetings. We have been taught
that the rural church should be a community center; a place where
leadership is discovered, where prob-
The Christian Plea

TO THE PASTORS OF THE BROTHEHOD

You have, I am sure, the information of the extension of the time to August 20th, for the payments on apportionment of the National Convention for 1929.

We have every reason to believe that you and every church which did not reach its apportionment by June 30th will be delighted to have this extension because it gives you even yet a chance to share in the accomplishments of the church in its program of missionary advance.

The United Christian Missionary Society is the only avenue through which our church and its several departments share in the sending of the gospel to the end of the earth. We, through the National Convention, accepted the responsibility of $10,000,000, and the work in ten great foreign fields and the home land depends on our keeping faith.

You have been apportioned. We depend on you to send in your apportionment in full, if possible, but if the full amount cannot be sent in, do the best you can, that we may not fail those who depend on us.

We are suggesting August 18th as FINAL National Apportionment Day.

And a cold wet nose exploring the touch of the satiny skin.

P. S. Reports must be mailed August 19th to reach us in time for the National Convention display chart.

May you and your church prove loyal to the great cause of missions.

Yours in Him,
Rosa Brown Grubbs.

A WORD FROM SISTER GRUBBS

The National Convention accepted as its aim for this year $10,000 and for this amount the United Society depended on us, to carry forward the work in ten great foreign fields and in the homeland. Failure to reach this aim increases the deficit, and increasing the deficit means retrenchment.

At the June meeting of the Joint Executive Committee, we were short of our aim approximately $350,000. The Committee voted to extend the period for the payment of apportionment to August 20th, and that in the meantime, every church be requested to make a very special effort to complete its apportionment.

If your church has sent its full apportionment, perhaps many would like to send an additional "love gift" to help us "go over the top."

Our slogan for some years has been, "One dollar per member for missions."

Let us go up to the National Convention at Winston-Salem, August 26-September 1, with the best record ever.

Please write me you will do your best for I have great anxiety in the matter. Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am very sincerely yours,
Rosa Brown Grubbs.

A WAY FOR YOUTH

By V. G. Smith

XXIV—WORLD C. E. CONVENTION

This is a biennial convention with representatives from young peoples' societies from all over the world.

Constituency and Purpose

The list of Christian gatherings may be denominational, inter-denominational or undenominational. The first is representative of units, below a communion. The second is an assembly of delegates from a denominational, representing as its constituency the communion. The last is a group that while belonging tentirerly to a denomination, beginning at the denomination is not representative of the denomination as such but includes any or all denominations. The delegates to the C. E. Convention are not elected by national or inter-national bodies, nor do they represent these bodies.

The delegates came from C. E. Unions which are undenominational units of E. Y. P. U., Allen C. E. League, Epworth League and any other corresponding young peoples' organizations in other communions. These meet locally, in districts and by states, all three of which have representatives in this convention. The unions have meetings, officers and a program. They are strongest where the Disciples are weakest, the Southwest, West and on the Atlantic seaboard.

A tho, the religious educaton department of the United Society favors the correlation of C. E. with other youth agencies in the church it rather exist and hold its integrity of organization. So as specifically dealing with C. E. Societies, the Union does not include Y. P. departments. Hence the Disciples have never been too prominent in the C. E. Unions consequently in the C. E. Convention.

Program

As an outgrowth of the Unions of the world this convention can commandeer the best in all communions for its program. Its program ran something like this:

9:00-9:50—Group Meetings for Instructors.
10:00-10:50—Another Group for Instructors.
12:00-1:00—Convention Business.
2:00-5:00—Group Meetings for business.
8:00-10:00—Song Service and Addresses.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

NOTICE TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Mrs. Susan W. Offutt, Recording Secretary of National Convention

DEAR CO-WORKER:

This is the report of the Findings Committee which was approved at our last National Convention, held in Chicago, August 1928.

We find that it is the desire of the Conference that the matter of appointing two Regional Secretaries in connection with the General Secretary, be taken to the States for serious consideration, and to be decided on at the next State Convention.

In case it is decided to have Regional Secretaries, the entire twenty-five cents collected as dues, (each month per member), is to be sent to the General Treasury except from States having no Field Worker.

Please pass this recommendation on to your local Woman's Missionary Societies.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

By Mrs. A. L. Martin

National President of W. M. S.

DEAR CO-WORKER:

Just a short time and we will again assemble in another National Convention. The last Missionary year has been a test of our real worth. I am wondering how well we stood that test. The situation, of course, was such as we never faced before, yet we had a chance to pass, even one hundred per cent.

Today I am thinking of the question left unsettled in our last National Convention which, if properly settled, will solve one condition of our problem. As I see it there are three conditions to the problem of the Woman's Missionary Society, but, if at Winston-Salem, we can work out the first, and the most technical point, (that of Regional Field Workers) for State Development. I think the solution for the other two points will be an easy matter; almost just an announcement of the first. We say we believe this to be an ideal movement. Having the regional workers will be an asset to the entire brotherhood. The U. C. M. S. will be benefited by it and so will our societies be strengthened. This is one of the crying needs of the hour, the development of leadership.

I wish every missionary woman will pray over this matter; go into your State conventions and vote for the good of the cause, then have your report at Winston-Salem for Conference period, Monday, August 29th. In working on this question, let us see the field, how long it has stood waiting to be cultivated, then let us wait silently in His presence, and pray that when the evening of the present condition falls we can smile. Work prayerfully on this issue and when we assemble ourselves together in conference may the results be in accord.

I am asking each state secretary to be able to report the entire enrollment of her state in this convention. In clearing up another point in our problem this is necessary. Please do not stay away from the conference because of a little extra expense and miss the information and inspiration that will mean far more to you than the cost in dollars and cents. The conferences are held to help those in the leadership of the work, and we urge that you be present on time.

My prayer is that every heart be stirred to service and allow the Master to direct its thoughts, that whatever is done may be done to His name, honor and glory.

Illinois thinks she has seen the vision and is saying "Yes" Regional Field Workers for State development.

Wishing you the blessings of the season.

I am,

Yours for Missions.

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The morning groups are led by an expert in methods of some kind—recreational, worship, programs, social service—and notes are taken from a lecture and then a discussion if desired. The person chooses his two groups.

The business period has to do with reports from unions, awarding of banners (of which there are some forty) election of officers, reports of Convention Secretary and such relevant business. The next hour may be spent in the auditorium with the lecturer or if sitting round where there is a radio, in listening to an hour of reports and addresses by authorities on C. E. work.

Then in the afternoon some group classification meets for business and inspiration. One afternoon the state unions meet. Another afternoon the denominational groups come together.

In the evening, addresses of an inspirational nature on subjects pertinent to young people are given.

The last Convention met in Cleveland in 1927 with over five thousand in attendance. The next one will meet in Kansas City. The fellowship is worth the visit. It is worth a short trip just to see "the wheels go round" in a work-while gathering.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST to be held with the Cleveland Ave. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., August 28-September 1, 1929.

Monday, August 28—9:00 A. M.—Meeting of the Joint Executive Committee.

2:00 P. M. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Convention.

8:00 P. M. Devotions, locally conducted.

8:20 P. M. Program of Welcome under local auspices.

9:20 P. M. Response to Welcome, Elder Preston Taylor, Tenn.

9:30 P. M. Convention Address—"Glorifying the Ministry", Elder H. L. Herod, Indiana.

10:00 P. M. Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

Tuesday, August 27th—9:00 A. M. Devotions, Elder I. H. Smith, Virginia; 9:15 A. M. Report of Enrollment Committee and appointment of Committees.

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10:15 A. M. Address—"Glorifying the Ministry Tara Evangelism" Chief Statley, N. C.

10:45 A. M. Music


(b) Report of Executive Committee.

(c) Report of States.

11:50 A. M. Announcements.

Tuesday Afternoon—2:00 P. M. Devotions Elder G. M. Dickerson, Virginia.

2:15 Symposium—"Glorifying the Ministry"

(a) The Call of Christ to the Ministry, Elder G. C. Campbell, Ohio.

(b) Thru Adequate Training, Eld-
I Saw Them, Mrs. Settle, N. C.

3:30 Business Period.

(a) Report of Committees
(b) Report of Field Secretary
(c) All Unfinished Business.

4:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Friday Evening, August 30th.—Religious Education Period.

9:00 Devotions, Miss Anna Prunty, Virginia.

9:15 General Business Period
9:40 Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

Thursday Morning, August 29th.—W. M. S. Period—9:00 Devotions, Mrs. Hattie Butler, Ind.

9:15 General Business Period.

10:00 Report of Enrollment Committee and Appointment of Committee.

10:15 Business Period.

10:00 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru the Bible School, Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.

10:30 Report of Enrollment Committee and Appointment of Committee.

10:45 Address—Deepening the Passion of the Church for Preaching and Teaching, Eld W. H. Taylor, Md.

11:10 Music.

11:15 Conference—Problems and Programs of the Superintendent, P. H. Moss, Virginia.

11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Friday Afternoon—2:00 Devotions, Miss BeSsie Thomas, Virginia.

2:15 Address—Major Objectives of Religious Education, Mr. Edgar Stevenson, Maryland.

2:45 Address—Teaching the Children Thru Projects, Miss Alpha Penn, Virginia.

3:10 Business Period.

(a) Report of Officers
(b) Report of States

(c) Report of Committees.

4:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Friday Evening—8:00 Devotions, Miss Katherine Spencer, Virginia.

8:15 Address—Religious Education in the Family, Elder J. L. Law, Virginia.

8:45 Special Music, Choir.

8:55 Sermon—The Ministry of Teaching, Eld. R. Wesley Watson, Ohio.

9:30 Offering, Announcement, Adjournment.

Saturday Morning, August 31st.—9:00 Devotions, Miss Christine Spencer, Virginia.

9:15 General Business Period.

9:45 Address—Social and Recreational Program for Youth, Prof. W. J. Alphin, Missouri.

10:15, Conference—Building Worship Programs, led by Miss B. E. Chandler, Kansas.

10:45 Conference—A Model Christian Endeavor Session, led by V. G. Smith, Missouri.

11:00 Business Period.

(a) Report of Officers
(b) Report of States

(c) Report of Committees.

11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Saturday Afternoon—Leisure Period.

Saturday Evening—Social Conference Activities under C. E. Department.

Sunday Morning, September 1.

9:30 Bible School
11:00 Worship Services.


12:00 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Communion Service in charge of Local Forces.

Sunday Afternoon—3:00 Worship 3:25 Sermon, G. E. Slinn, 4:00 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Sunday Evening. 8:00 Worship Services.

8:20 Sermon, to be supplied.

8:50 Offering, Closing Remarks, Benediction.

Periods marked "General Business Periods" are set aside for the Report of the Joint Executive Committee to the Convention and that particular department especially. If not used for this, it belongs to the department in session.

Each church is asked to send five dollars ($5.00) to the National Convention, reporting the same thru the state convention or its constituted authorities.

Each state is asked to represent with ten dollars ($10.00) and each individual with two dollars ($2.00). The Registration fee is five dollars ($5.00) per person and the suggested Sunday Offering is one dollar ($1.00).
PROGRAM OF MISSISSIPPI CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

To convene at Greenwood, Mississippi, at Wesley Chapel M. T. Church, corner Howard Ave. and Gibb Street, in G. P., Commencing Tuesday Evening, August 13-18, 1929.

TUESDAY EVENING
4:30 P. M.—State Board meeting.
TUESDAY NIGHT
7:30 P. M.—Local Program.

WEDNESDAY MORNING
9:30 A. M.—Willing Workers' Period. Homily called to order by the President, Mrs. Gladys Jones.
The First Christian Church of Clarksdale will furnish the music.
1. Opening Song—"A Sweet New Song."
3. Song—"Building."
5. Song—"Rock of Ages."
6. Prayers by Sister Mary Mitchell and Mother Brady.
7. Song—"Hallelujah."
8. Discussion—"What Operation Can Do"—Mrs. F. A. Vaughans, Bro. O. R. Baras, Mrs. Leona Brown, Bro. Willie Weaver, Mrs. M. L. Turner, Mrs. Rena Hughes, Prof. L. C. Williams. (Time limit, three minutes each.)
9. Address—"Our Unfinished Task." Dr. E. E. Walker.
10. Song—"Everybody Will Be Happy," Mrs. Rosetta Weaver.
17. Offering—Sister L. Wade, Brother Clarence James and Sister Mattie Jackson.
19. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
2:30 P. M.—United Missionary Society Period.
Music by Choir.
Ten minutes Meditation, Mrs. B. C. Calvert, Jackson.
Plantation Melody, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot."
Opening remarks, Mrs. E. E. Carroll, Pres. Appointment of Committees.
Report of Recording Sec'y, Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Port Gibson.
Report of State Treasurer, Mrs. Eva Bingham, Fayette.
Report of Cor. Field, Sec'y, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Port Gibson.

THURSDAY MORNING
8:00 A. M. to 9:00 A. M.—Conference by Evangelist Calvert. Subject "The Timeliness of the Social Gospel."
9:00 A. M.—Ministerial Period, Elder K. R. Brown, Instructor.
Bible Questions for The Ministerial Lessons. Chapter and Verse for Answer:
1. Has Christ concealed from the church anything concerning salvation? 2. What does Christ do for His followers when they fall? 3. Was it prophecied that on the cross Christ would say to God, "Why hast Thou forsaken Me?"
4. What does Christ offer to sinners as a satisfying house? 5. Who will govern the nation and then judge them? 6. Where did David prophetically see Christ?

THURSDAY EVENING
2:30 P. M.—Church Period. Devotions by Bro. J. B. Williams of Greenwood and Bro. E. J. Johnson of Bethel. Remarks by the President and others.

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7:30 P. M.—Christian Endeavor. Musical Program.
What does giving to Jesus mean? The Son of God came to earth on a specific mission. He came to set up the Kingdom of God on earth, came for the Redemption of Humanity. Having given His life as a ransom for many, Christ led “captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.” He inaugurated a programme which we are to carry out. He plans to carry out His redemptive work through us. To give to Jesus, therefore, is to support His cause.

It goes without saying that Christ's cause deserves our best. He gave Himself for us freely, fully, willingly, and now He says to us, “Freely ye have received, freely give.”

Observe, however, that the Master does not require what we cannot give. He expects of a man according to what he has. “Every man according to his several ability.” God pity the man who finds himself so poor that he cannot contribute anything to the cause of Christ.

We are to give such as we have. Let us remember that whatever we have has been received of Him. He has made us stewards of His wealth. His demand that a portion of what He has intrusted to us be given back must not go unheeded. To ignore the demand means loss. He has ordained that as we spend, we get; as we give, we receive.

Such as we have! It may be silver and gold. Use it in the proclamation of His gospel, in the relief of human suffering, in the uplift of humanity. Remember, however, that your gift it not to be measured by its intrinsic value. Your love, self-denial, devotion are the things that count most with the Master.

Such as we have, be it ever so small, if given with the proper motive, He will bless and use to His glory.

Such as we have! All of us cannot do what the world esteems great, but all of us can do something. The world appraises values in terms of silver and gold, but according to Christ's philosophy, many a poor person may give gifts of millionaire princes. Your material possessions may be no index to your spiritual possessions. As far as material things are concerned, you may be in poverty, and yet you may be spiritually rich. Paul describes the apostles “as poor yet making many rich.”

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The surrender of a personality to the highest personality is the salvation of the surrendered personality.” Oh, the joy of giving to Jesus of these invisible gifts. If we thus give ourselves to Him we will enter into fellowship with the greatest Personality and all our activities will be of tremendous importance. Christ will, indeed, be working through us and we shall enter into the joy of the Lord. An anonymous writer admirably expresses our thought in poetry, let us pray:

"Lord, I make a full surrender, All I have I yield to Thee; For Thy love, so great and tender, Asks the gift of me.

"Lord, I bring my whole affection, Claim it, take it for thine own, Safely kept by Thy protection, Fixed on thee alone.

"Lord, my will I here present Thee Gladly now no longer mine; Let no evil thing prevent me Blending it with Thine.

"Lord, my life I lay before Thee, Hear, this hour, the sacred vow! All Thine own I now restore Thee, Thine for ever now.

"Glory, glory, hallelujah! I have given my all to God; And I now have full salvation Thru the precious blood."
PRESENT STATUS

The National Christian Endeavor suffers like the state C. E. from being considered as appendage rather than an integral part of the National Convention. According to the Constitution, the C. E. is one of the departments and therefore is entitled to equal consideration in the National Assembly. But so far, the Convention leaders have chosen a disregard. Even when the program committee gives the C. E. "A Fighting Chance." There is no assurance that this program Department will receive its deserts.

Until there is a greater manifestation of the National Convention to give youth a chance, there will not be any evident advance of interest in the National Convention among Disciple Youth.

Some Future Hopes

There are a number of things that might be done to build up a youth constituency to our National Convention.

1. Give the C. E. Department sufficient time during the week to transact its business and carry out its program and this does not mean a belated Saturday session run on the cheap nerve of the Convention-goers. Sufficient time would insure complete work on the part of Committees and better work done.

2. Consolidate the C. E. completely with the Bible School and have a Religious Education Convention under one set of officers and doing business for both. This plan would materially affect the organizations in the States and set a precedent for a branch of the Constitution from C. E. side. The Convention has been grossly violated, but that is no reason for the C. E. to follow such an unworthy example.

3. Arrange simultaneous but not sev- ered sessions from the Convention proper. Perhaps the Bible School would like to have a part in this and the time for each would be lengthened without lengthening the Convention.

4. Promote an entirely separate Convention with different or the same place of meeting, but with a separate organization, promotion, program and objectives. The values of these latter two will compose the next article.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ELDER Z. H. HOWARD

For the first time our church here in Muskogee had a Daily Vacation Bible School. The interesting feature of it is that the Christian, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches combined forces and conducted three schools scattered at convenient points over the city.

The one which was conducted at the Christian Church had an enrollment very close to one hundred and twenty-five. We were highly fortunate in being able to retain the same teachers from the beginning to the close. Three of them were taken from our church: Misses Oneda Howard, Emma Friths and Mrs. Odessa Howard White. Mrs. Donnie Perdue was our fourth instructor.

No Sectarianism was taught. There are far too many vital truths necessary to the spiritual growth of young people to waste time on those petty things which make for division and misunderstanding. Emphasis was placed upon Bible Study, Story telling, Memory Work, Hand-crafts, Musical training and Supervised Play. Each teacher employed methods suitable to her particular age group. The five departments gave stars for work done. This honor roll system worked beautifully. Parents tell us that their children talked of "Gold Stars" incessantly. Note books, scrap books, wall plaques, paper belts, etc., were made by the children during their handicraft period.

Last Friday night the closing exercises were held. Every child had some part on the program. No time was taken from regular work to prepare for these exercises. Things which the pupils had learned at Vacation Bible School were worked out in the form of a pageant, and each child felt enthusiastic over having a part in "School Closing." The patrons express themselves as being in favor of the movement, and we feel that next year we will have a better school.

If at all possible we want to have our national workers with us before we have another Daily Vacation Bible School. If our teachers can have a little instruction from them we are sure that next summer the work will be more effective.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

ANNUAL REPORT

For Bible School Department, Christian Church National Convention
Our Slogan—"$1000.00 and 500 Schools" What State Will Lead?

For State Presidents
1. Name of State
2. President
3. Address
4. Number of Schools in State
5. Number of Pupils
7. Registration in National Convention NNINNNNN $10.00
8. Mail to Miss Emma Buckner, 32 Willow St., Dayton, Ohio, by August 15, 1929.

For Local Schools
1. Name of State
2. Name of Town
3. Name of Superintendent
4. Address
5. Name of Delegate to Nat'l Con.
7. Money sent to N. C. M. S. $ .
8. Registration in Natl. Con. $2.00
9. Mail Report and $2.00 to Miss Emma Buckner, Corresponding Secretary, 32 Willow Street, Dayton O., by August 15, 1929.

Our Convention meets in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, August 26 to September 1, 1929.

Make all orders payable to National Bible School.

Send all letters to Winston-Salem, N. C., if mailed after August 20th.

T. W. PRATT, National Bible School President, 3612 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas.

MISS EMMA BUCKNER, Corresponding Secretary.

2110 E., 36th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Co-Worker:

We are very anxious to have a complete report for our National Convention. Will you please fill in the following questions?

Name of State
Number of Churches
Number of Disciples
Number of Preachers
Value of Church Property $ .

Thanking you for this information and please let me have same not later than August 20, 1929.

Yours in the work,
Rev. Wesley Watson,
National Statistical Secretary.
CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

WHEN WE ARE NOT AT OUR BEST

A mule cannot pull while it is kicking, and it can not kick when it is pulling. Neither can you.

Jesus stopped to condemn what the Jews were doing, but he always did it in the spirit of showing how wrong leads to a bad end. He never said anything to harm a man to his advantage. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred he talked forth. I may have to condemn the policy unless I know they are doing it for their advantage. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred he talked of some people, but I will never condemn the politicians for the advancement of mankind. He never kicked; he always pulled.

This, then should be a lesson for us. We have a big program, in fact the biggest of anything we know of in America. It is going to take our united effort to succeed. But you say some among us are doing wrong as we see it. Granted. We think so too. But does that mean that I must give up all efforts and begin kicking? If I do, I am worth nothing to the cause from henceforth. I may have to condemn the policy of some people, but I will never condemn the persons who are following the policy unless I know they are doing it with malice aforethought. And then I am not going to harm them if I can. Peter acted real mean sometimes, but Christ saved him for a very fine service.

When the disciples of Christ set out to unite God's people they undertook a much greater job than they bargained for. They thought the difference was doctrinal and all they needed to was to harmonize these opinions; but, lo and behold, they are now finding out that these differences are racial rather than in the realm of opinion. And if they are to succeed, they must bring into the Church all these races. If they can not do this they might as well quit now.

It seems to me providential that the Negro Disciples are a small body in comparison to our Methodist and Baptist brethren. This problem could never be worked out in the Missionary Baptist Church. The white Disciples of Christ never divided into North and South; and, while this made it difficult in the beginning, it made just the kind of background needed to do the work. Forty years ago there was some feuding between the northern and southern white people, but that has almost gone now. There was from the very first church in Washington, Pennsylvania. It made a try for up to that time they used the holy kiss, but when this colored man joined, they dropped that. The history of Mississippi shows that both white and Negro delegates were in the first Convention and all the money taken up in the Convention was expended to help the Negro Disciples to begin their work.

We have not solved all problems yet, as for instance as to where the Negroes are to sit in southern conventions, etc. But why stop, when you know that that is one of the problems God has given us to solve. Let us get in earnest in our task and God will show the way. In the early church, say about 160 A.D., when the church made inroads in the Roman Empire, and the persecution got so severe that the church had to have secret places to meet, often slave and master met for communion. There they were brethren, but the next day they took their relative places of master and slave again. By this conduct they broke up the most wicked enemy to the cause of Christianity.

To Negro men and women in the Church of the Disciples of Christ, I would say:

Brethren, God has called you to the most exalted position we know of in American life. Do not raise the question of your rights, but think seriously of your responsibility in this exalted position. You can sway a civilization if you go at it in earnest. Do not depend on the politicians for success. The politician has muzzled up everything he has ever touched. Just after the war the good Christian people were ready to go ahead in the right day, but the northern politician (called carpetbagger) and the southern politician, (called scalawag) muzzled it up so that we have been working sixty years to overcome the feeling. Let me plead with you that you awaken to your opportunity. Quit kicking at the white people, quit kicking at the U. C. M. S., quit kicking at your leaders, quit kicking at the students from the schools of the U. C. M. S. If any of these need correcting, go at it in a constructive way, not as kickers. They need your help, not ill will.

And as for myself, let me say this: I have occupied a most responsible place. Thirty-five years ago, I could have easily divided our white brethren into north and south. I did what I could to unite them. I have been a true friend to the Negro and have endured for you in a true way; I need your prayers, not your kicks. I need your support, not your cabals.

Brethren, let us begin anew. God has called us to a very important work. We are the only people so situated that the work can be done. Another fifty years of faithful effort will sway the entire American civilization. Will you prove faithful, or must God raise up another people to do his work.

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITORS—FIVE HUNDRED DELEGATES EXPECTED

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 4.—The annual convention of Alpha Phi Alpha, national Negro college fraternity, will be held in Atlanta December 27 to January 1 and is expected to bring to the city five hundred delegates from all parts of the country, according to an announcement by Forrester B. Washington, director of the Atlanta School of Social Work, and general chairman of the convention committee of arrangements. A large committee is at work planning for the entertainment of the convention and expects to make the meeting the most notable in the history of the organization.

In addition to the various features of the program, which will include business sessions and the discussion of the educational and fraternal interests of the race, there will be a succession of social features in the nature of dances, smokers, barbecues, bridge parties, athletic events, and the like. One day will be given to an auto trip to Tuskegee Institute.

Alpha Phi Alpha is the oldest Negro college fraternity in the country and has seventy-seven chapters widely distributed, four of which are in this city. This, however, will be the first national convention the organization has held in the South. The people of Atlanta are looking forward with great interest to the coming of the convention and are determined to overlook no feature of typical Southern hospitality.

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There are two things that appear as needed. One is to get at least half of the 129 unemployed ministers into some of the 132 churches without ministers. Mosea was instructed to use what he had in his hand. Why not the Christian Church use this supply of leadership somewhere that it already has? Greater publicity of needs on the part of unemployed ministers and unsheltered flocks thru the "Christian Plea" and thru state officers and evangelists and a greater effort on the part of churches to pay the leadership a living wage, would do much to remedy this situation.

A second means to supply the demand would be to educate a ministry. Since the close of the Louisville Bible School, the Lincoln Bible Chair is the first effort on the part of any educational force to train preachers without making farmers, mechanics, artisans and day laborers out of the same piece of humanity. No wonder he is a "little" preacher there is little left after he has taken all of the other "requisites" for a "life of service."

Why isn't there a chair of Biblical training in everyone of our Negro schools as there is a school of Divinity in everyone of the Christian Colleges? Why must the Bible teacher have to teach everything else as well as a couple of courses in Bible? With religious education, church policy, pulpit and Bible investigation, all needed and required for successful pastoral service, where in Southern, Jarvis or Piedmont can such be obtained? They can hire specialists in other lines like athletic coaches, agricultural experts, trade teachers but as yet in making Christian leaders, they need no Bible or divinity specialist. Yet ministers are supposed to grow up under this system.

Over two years ago, Mr. Jason Me Cowan, a student in the Divinity School of Butler University, wrote thru these pages of the opportunity in Butler for a goodly group of Negro young people to not only enter Butler, but also to get their tuition in the school free on scholarship. Even yet I have not heard of more than one taking any sort of advantage of this offer. The rule against the Negro student does not apply to this Divinity school and any number who wished this type of training would find it available. But the Kentucky brethren would establish a one-man school for Bible training less than three hundred miles from this plant for giving complete instruction.

The education for leadership among the Negro Disciples besides being woefully inadequate is grossly mis-managed to get the avowed results. We need ministers,—are they forth-coming? Judge for yourself from the above data.
PROGRAM
THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE WORKER'S
INSTITUTE
To be held at North Middleton, Ky.
September 21-22, 1929
Saturday Morning:
10:00—Devotional—North Middletown.
Greetings and appointment of committees.
10:30—Should missions be taught in the Bible School?—Mt. Sterling and
Sterne.
11:00—What is The World's Greatest Need?—North Middletown and
Winchester.
11:30—Will the Bible School of Today meet the needs of the Future
Church?—Little Rock and Levee.
12:00—Music—Offering and Adjourn
Saturday Afternoon:
2:00—Devotional—Fairview.
2:30—Why have a State Organization of Young People?—Fairview and
Aaron's Run.
3:00—Music—North Middletown.
3:30—President's Quarterly Address and Report of delegates to State
Convention.
4:00—Reports of Schools and Young People's Societies.
4:30—Music—Offering and Adjournment.
Saturday Evening
7:30—Devotional—Little Rock.
8:00—Welcome Address—North Middletown.
Music—Fairview.
Response—Mt. Sterling.
Music—Aaron's Run.
Music—Offering and Adjournment.
Sunday Morning
9:45—Lecture—North Middletown.
Music—Offering—Adjudgment.
11:00—Sermon—Music—Offering—
and Adjournment.
Sunday Afternoon
2:00—Devotional—Mt. Sterling.
2:30—Address—The Young People's Conference, Eld. W. H. Brown,
Mt. Sterling.
3:00—Special Program.
4:00—Music—Offering—Adjourn
ment.
Sunday Evening
7:00—Devotional—Aaron's Run.
7:30—Sermon—Elder T. R. Everett,
North Middletown.
Report of Secretary and Treasurer.
Music—Offering—Adjournment.
COMMITTEE—Bro. Wm. Caywood,
Chairman; Mrs. Carrie Jones, Miss Su-
cetta Johnson, Miss Roberta Caywood,
Sallie V. Johnson, Secretary.
All workers are asked to give 50 cts.
to district work and 10 cts. to Scholar-
ship Fund.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR LIVES?
By ALMA EVELYN MOORE

Is it the same that was in the hearts of
those early disciples who founded
the first church and who had been
with Jesus? You remember how the
disciples seemed naturally and "with
one accord" to gather together in the
came place to talk of Jesus; how nat-
urally they seemed to love one anoth-
er until they did not even call any-
thing they possessed their own, but
divided their things as the other dis-
ciples needed; how they told the good
news as an outpouring of their love
for Him; how instinctively they were
in prayer together and it was after
they had prayed and learned to wait
before Him that the Holy Spirit came
upon them and they received His
power.

With all this in the minds of many
of our women there has been prepared
a statement of a Life of Purpose. This
is not a pledge but a listing of a few
ideals which we would like to make a
part of our lives. We are hoping that
you will sign it, that you will try it
for one day and another and another;
that you will see if you can not live it
for a week, then for a month, until
you have built it into your life.

Some of us will find it hard to plan
our work and our leisure and to have
will find the time when she realizes that
the time; but even the busiest mother
it means more to her family than food
and clothing. Is it not of more value
than some of the tasks we feel must
be done? If Jesus Himself were to
come to your door today in person,
wouldn't you think it the most im-
portant and the most gracious thing in
all the world to sit and talk with Him
a little while?

Some of us will find it hard to push
our minds all the pressing cares
and worries that are so heavy, but if
we try again and again, practicing
quietness in His presence, we shall soon
find that He is very near. Some of us
will hesitate to pray, "Search me, O
God, and know my heart; try me and
know my thought," and it will not be
easy to face our own weaknesses in
the white light of His love. To live
Jesus, to make Him a part of our
everyday lives that all will know
"they have been with Jesus," that He
lives in us, is our purpose.

Will you take this card, go into that
secret place with Him alone, and with
Him so near that He is indeed "near-
er than hands or feet," read it again
and again with Him? Is it more than
you would have given Him if you had
been one of those Judean women? Isn't
it something that you—and your fam-
ily, and your church—need to build
into your own life? Will you not tell
Him that you will try it, even though
you fail again and again, until you
have made it a part of your life?

WOMEN ROUND WORLD PREPARE
FOR PENTECOST CELEBRATION

One of the most notable events in
connection with the preparation for
the observance of the nineteenth cen-
sennial anniversary of Pentecost in
1930 is the "Call to the Christian
World" by the Council of Women for
Home Missions and the Federation
of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of North America, to prepare for this
great occasion.

One of the fine paragraphs of this
marvelous call is as follows:

"Mindful of the meeting of the dis-
ciples in the upper room before the
Holy Spirit came upon them, it is re-
spected that prayer be very definite
for:

"A fresh manifestation of God and
His Spirit's power in the life and work
of the Christian church.

"A revival of the spirit and prac-
tice of witnessing for Christ, that each
believer may speak to friend and neigh-
biblie with the simplicity and eagerness
so characteristic of the Christians im-
mmediately after Pentecost."

What a mighty impulse will be given
to the preparation for the Pentecost
celebration by these two great organi-
izations made up of Protestant Christ-
ian women whose powerful influence
reaches round the world!
KANSAS CITY CHALLENGES
NATIONAL CONVENTION

Attention, Attention and carefully read the copy of telegram sent to National Convention while in session at Winston-Salem, N. C. which sent a thrill through the woman’s session.

(Copy of Telegram to National Woman’s Missionary Convention, care Rosa Brown Grubbs)

Greetings from Woman’s Missionary Society of Woodlawn Ave. Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Best wishes for a successful session.

Our interest centered upon growth of local society. Unless we increase membership we cannot advance. We therefore challenge Missionary Societies of Brotherhood to increase membership one hundred per cent beginning 2nd Sunday in September and ending the 1st Sunday in December.

ETHEL DYSON, President.

Twenty-one societies accepted enthusiastically this challenge. We have set the date so that there may be 21 more to enter.


A committee was appointed on Rules and Regulations governing the contest. The findings we herewith submit:

1. That we accept the challenge of Kansas City, Mo., Missionary Society to increase membership of local societies 100 per cent.

2. That the dates of contest be from October 1, 1929 to January 1, 1930, instead of dates mentioned in telegram.

3. That we use the records as held in offices of U. C. M. S. office as the authentic record at the beginning of contest.

4. That societies in Contest report monthly.

5. That the final report bear the post mark as of January 1, 1930.

6. That the reports be sent to the office of the U. C. M. S., care General Field Secretary, Rosa B. Grubbs.

7. That we have articles of boost in each issue of the Plea from members of the committee and others interested.

8. We recommend that each Society achieving the aim be placed on honor roll and given a certificate of honor.

9. That two prizes be given.

(a) One to the Society which enrolls in contest and maintains through to June 30th the largest number above its roll of 100 per cent.

(b) One to the society which enrolls in contest and maintain through to June 30th the largest increased membership.

10. That Mrs. Herod, Miss Trout and Mrs. Grubbs serve as committee on prizes and be responsible for other details not worked out at the sitting of the committee.

Committee:
Mrs. Jas. Brooks,
Susie Offutt,
M. J. Brown,
L. A. Devine,
H. L. Herod,
Mary Vanburren,
Rosa B. Grubbs.

AN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT
(Reprint)

The Memphis Convention adopted a recommendation calling upon our Brotherhood throughout the world to celebrate the Nineteenth Centennial of Pentecost in 1930. It was suggested that, as Jesus was three years with His disciples, so we, His twentieth century disciples, should make these preceding three years a period of closer walk with Him.

In harmony with the Convention action, and upon the recommendation of the Convention’s Pentecost Anniversary Committee that each agency make its own plans and goals, the United Christian Missionary Society has formulated a Pentecost Program to culminate in June, 1930. At this time the Society will have rounded out the first decade of its united service to the churches. These attainable aims, if reached, will mark progress in all the work. It is a program of spiritual enrichment.

Our slogan for the three year program is “serving the churches that the churches may serve the world.” The United Society is a creature of the churches. It belongs to the churches; exists for the churches, and serves the churches. Pentecost was the birthday of the church. It was on that notable day that her march across the centuries began. It is His Church. Christ never said, “My Child” or “My Home,” for He had none: but He did say, “My Father” and “My church.” Of His church He said “I will build it.” It is the privilege of every follower of His to help Him “build His Church” both numerically and spiritually.

Pentecost and prayer were linked together. Pentecost might have been an impossibility without the “Upper Room” and the ten days’ meeting for prayer. In that soul-experience the disciples emptied themselves that they might be filled with the fullness of God. Prayer must have a large place in the churches during these three years. Any church program will fail without it. Much attention will be given on the part of the United Society through its Pentecost Program, to aiding the prayer life of the churches.

Christ was at the Center of the first Pentecost. He was presented that day as the living, reigning and glorified Christ. If a program or a life makes a real spiritual growth and advance, Christ must be at the center.

“I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode, The Church our Blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood. I love Thy Church, O God, Her walls before Thee stand, Dear as the apple of Thine eye And graven on Thy hand.”

KNOXVILLE—Recently a young woman member of the Negro racial group fainted, following an accident that occurred in a section of our city inhabited entirely by white people. The fine spirit exhibited by the men and women in administering restoratives, promptly and willingly summoning medical aid and otherwise exhibiting attention was the source of favorable comment on the part of the many who watched the situation.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY
TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA FAMILY
% T. R. EVERETT

We are holding forth here in Old First as is common called throughout the State and elsewhere among many of our brethren. We have just pulled through a very bad winter and are beginning to get our breath. We had our Annual rally just yesterday and everyone was well pleased with the results. The church is moving on in a very fine way. The pastor has been doing some real hard work in the Evangelistic field. On the 13th of May we started to drive through the country some three hundred miles or more to Kentucky down on the Cumberland river at the foot of Cumberland mountains.

We found a group of twenty disciples worshipping without any settled place for service. We began preaching on the 14th day of May and spent twelve days with them in the public school building. We reviewed the work, added four to the congregation, three by primary obedience and one from the connection; we succeeded in finding a lot, bought a house and lot, and got the deed written and sent to the heirs to sign. We were put in touch with two more congregations in that section of the country. I think two of this number will doubtless report in our State work this year.

This is a very rough and hilly country, but the people are strong and healthy and believe in large families. Three of the men in our church have from six to eleven children, all fat, healthy and intelligent. You will recall that this is forty miles away from the railroad and up until about ten or eleven months ago it was almost impossible to get in and out of this country, as the main roads run right along the river and creek beds. When the waters were up it was impossible to get in or out. Frequently flags of forty miles would require a week duration to make the trip, and then it was at great risk. Happily for them now, with the coming of automobiles and the revival of interest in road construction we can make the trip in a Plivver over the distance in an hour and a half. So with these new accommodations the whole world is becoming closely aligned and better acquainted. There is much pioneer work that needs to be done in these parts of our own state and doubtless the same could be said of other states.

We will never get very far with this one man idea of Evangelizing the state. We must arrange to have more men and work at the job of Evangelization all at the same time with the same definite goal in view. I hope to advance an idea, which, I think will doubtless help our Kentucky situation, in our coming Convention in August. Well, the people do attend church in these places and one is inspired to preach. The white preacher and his officers came out to hear us. Some offered in came several times and all were exultant in their words of praise for the service rendered and invited us back at an early date. We will arrange to do so as soon as possible.

"THE ATMOSPHERE OF S. C. I."
11th STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Editor:

I hope you can find room in your dear old Christian Plea for us as we are making wonderful progress in our church and also our many auxiliaries which are working for the benefit of the church.

We have now with us the tools of old S. C. I., Mr. Haygood, Mr. Toles and Misses Jordon and Rutledge and also Mr. Barnes who have come from S. C. I. and are doing their best to put things on a systematic plan. They have come in and have reorganized the C. E. Society and are holding various posts in the church and other auxiliaries of the church. We are proud, very proud to have our young people home and to see them take such interest as they do in the work for the Master. We are hoping and praying that they all may get back and encourage others to do work for the Master.

Our district convention was held in Oxmoor the third Sunday of August and we had a large number present. Dinner was issued out on the church ground, and we had some fine speeches made and music selections rendered by our young people.

A. B. Barnes, Reporter.

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

We are looking forward to the Convention both at Knoxville and Winston-Salem. I hope that each Bible School in the State as well as each Department is working hard to raise its National Apportionment as well as the State Apportionment. Remember the Bible tells us ‘Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.’ Now unless we send the money to help carry on the work we cannot expect the work to go on.

However, if the Churches had sent their apportionments St. Louis would not be boasting of Wm. Alphin as their Pastor, but because we failed Alphin had to come off the field. I can’t keep people like P. H. Moss, Wm. Alphin, Rosa B. Grubbs and Bessie Chandler or Prince Gray on the field if we fail to do our bit.

We need more trained Officers in the Church and on the Board. The Minister might preach all his life, but unless the Officers catch the vision the work will drag. What is true at this place is true everywhere.

Our good sister Rosa B. Grubbs has visited us. Her message was inspiring as well as uplifting.

I hope each Bible School will try this year to make a good report. Each School is asked to send eight dollars ($8.00) to the Convention. Do not send one dollar (1.00) but eight dollars ($8.00).

How do you expect the State to develop unless you send five dollars ($5.00), how do you expect to be represented in the National Convention unless you send $2.00. When you start to the State Convention don’t come with a hand full of give me and a mouth full of much obliged, but come with an all around report then the State can go over the top and from Knoxville we will pull for Winston-Salem. D. W. Bradley, State B. S. President.
One of the most peculiar and striking phenomena of history is that day of the week known as "the Lord's day," the first day of the week. Even now, less than half of the population of these nations called Christian nations are adherents of churches acknowledging Christ as Lord and Saviour, and yet there stands that day all but universally recognized by believer and non-believer, Christian and non-Christian. What about this one day of the week that is thus marked, set apart and honored?

It is not the purpose of this tract to repeat the arguments at length, showing this to be the right and Scriptural day to be observed as a sacred day by Christians rather than Saturday, the seventh day. That has already been well done by W. H. Book, of Columbus, Ind. It is rather our purpose to help Christians to a better understanding and appreciation of the day as to its significance and sacredness.

The very name "Lord's Day" that has come down for two thousand years, contains much to ponder. It is one of the things that must be accounted for by those who doubt, discredit or disregard the Christ, the Lord's Day is His day. It belongs to Him. Those who claim Him as Lord and Master will protect for Him that which is His, and not steal from Him, His very own. It, like the sacred ordinances, baptism and communion, has a sacred significance.

What Gave Rise to the Lord's Day?

Up to a certain point in history, the first day of the week had no more significance than the second or third day. After that time, it has held this peculiar and outstanding and significant place. What event made the change?

The first thing that marks the day is that it is "the resurrection day," the day on which the Lord came forth from the tomb. It is the day on which God raised His Son, the Saviour, from the grave and gave the final and finishing proof of His Saviourhood.

The next notice of the day on which the Lord came forth from the tomb. It is the day on which God raised His Son, the Saviour, from the grave and gave the final and finishing proof of His Saviourhood.

For the sake of those who may need to make clear the precise and significance of the Lord's Day, we submit the following comparisons. We should keep in mind that we are today living under the New Testament and not the Old; under the New Testament and not the Old; under the Christian dispensation and not under the Mosaic; under the gospel of Christ and not under the law of Moses. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath day. These are, and always have been, separate and distinct days. Those who fail to make the distinction have failed to make the distinctions between the new and the old made above. It is an error to call the Lord's Day the Sabbath.

General Features of the Day

The above bit of history shows why the first and central purpose for which the disciples met on this day was "the breaking of bread" (Acts 20:7). Even the preaching was secondary, and, apparently, incidental. This was fitting since the communion was designed to call to mind the central and most tragic events in the life and sacrifice of Christ. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death until he come." Thus this new day is marked by a special and entirely new feature in the matter of worship. The bread and the cup are not only a beautiful memorial, but proclaim a message both to His followers and to those who are not.

Of all the days of the week, the first day is His day. It is certainly fitting that one who bears His name should keep it and neither desecrate nor appropriate it. On the Lord's Day the Lord's people should remember the Lord in the Lord's own appointed way. Let us remember that by His own personal and positive command this feast was instituted. (Matt. 26:26, 27; Mark 14:22, 23; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23, 24). When dealing with that which has to do with the very heartblood of the Saviour, only loyalty and reverence are fitting on the part of those who profess to be His. Remember that it is this that gave rise to and marks the day itself. How, then, is the day fittingly spent by a Christian, if that which makes and marks the day is omitted or neglected?

Sabbath and Lord's Day

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By Elder Vance G. Smith of Missouri

A complete resume of the subject would require a book-length thesis for it would involve a background study of all the educational facilities of the section of the country where we have churches and are contemplating establishing churches. Also it would require an exhaustive study of the intellectual status of the church membership. Then there would be needed a comparative study of the particular type of training that best fits for service in the church. The engendered ideals are as important as the mental discipline and the fund of knowledge. Hence this treatment must be sketchy and concise, omitting all background and comparative study.

Extent of Educational Needs

Often, all too often, the need for training is confined to the ministry. If there is sufficient education among this class of employed leaders, it is considered a fulfillment of all the necessities to successfully consummate the church program. Without for an instance minimizing the need of a specialized training among the ministers, there is need for emphasis to be laid on the educational standard of the congregational leadership for “Pastors may come and pastors may go but the officiary goes on forever.” The eldership, deaconship and trusteeship remain a part of every church over the ministry of all preachers. The auxiliary leaders remain for years as head of the departmental work. The raising of the level of educational training among these is as great as the need for trained servants in the pulpit. Often an ignorant elder can tear down the spiritual life of the church faster than the best trained man can build it up. A pugnacious deacon can put more obstacles in the way of a progressive church program than can be overcome by the most optimistic pastor. The need for a trained leadership leads beyond the ministry even down into the pew.

Three types of official boards need training that can be provided at once. One is the board that knows not and knows of its disabilities. While of the best motives and finest spirit, it must, because of its limitations take the advice of the pastor on everything. While tractable it is wholly at the mercy and motivation of the trained or untrained leader that is their pastor. Progress is its desire but it knows not whence success lies. Such a board is in need of informational teaching whether in the Bible School, from the pulpit or in a special class. It should permit itself at least one hour of study per week in the New Testament church, its doctrine, ordinances, its own place in the local organization. The New Testament method of financing the church, its specific duties and the field in which it operates locally, in the district, the state, the nation and the world task of ministry that it might glorify the ministry whereunto they have been called. A definite challenge that comes to our national assembly is to constitute a simple but unique curriculum to give the necessary training to this type of ignorance. A course of study specially adapt-

ed to our needs would do much in forming a board in our church that officiate and is not a “rubber stamp” of the pastor.

The second type of official board is one that knows not but knows not that it knows. It has talent, training of the secular sort and ability, but is sound asleep on the job. The snores of the members, of the auxiliaries are all that pierce the dismal fog of indifference. No cry from the church, the auxiliaries, the state or the world reach the complacent ears as the members drowse on the job. They have been “turned off by God” and must recommend themselves for reemployment by their fruits. A system of inspirational teaching and preaching would do much to incultate that holy zeal, that divine passion in an indifferent board. A revival of spirituality would do more to invigorate than any amount of evangelistic effort to bring men to a table where the attendante are not preparing a feast for the soul. The challenge to the church is to heighten the spiritual tone. This does not mean emotionalize the feet or sentimentalize the hands and give a pandemonium of excess nervous energy. But to rationally approach the problem of en-thusing permanently the men who are in the vanguard of a church’s progress. Such a challenge could be answered in part by a brotherhood exchange of suggestions, plans and pupils.

The third and most hopeless set of board members is one that knows not and knows not that it knows not. The time element and the position-holding are all that are all that these men or the church can give for their place on the board. Hoary heads and gray beards are their sole recommendation to leadership. When the oaks of a thousand years growth obstruct the progress of a highway, they are moved or cut down. Is not

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SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler, Elementary Supt.

"The Kingdom of God needs not only teachers, preachers and missionaries to sow the seed of His word, but personal home workers alert to every opportunity at home, school or playground."

IX.

WORKERS' CONFERENCES

Man is realizing more and more that more can be accomplished through organized groups than through disorganized groups, for organization is a living thing and not a list of officers. There should then be an organization in the elementary department, which we call "Workers Conference". This conference must be more than an assembly at some definite time. There must be shared ideals, each person a part of the whole plan, understanding it and entering into it with their whole life.

Every teacher in the department becomes fifty per cent more effective in her work as a result of regular workers' conference. This conference should meet at least once each month regularly at some appointed time or place, the teachers and officers all present, and on time.

The program of this department conference should have at least three parts:

1. A devotional service including real and definite prayer for guidance and deepening of the spiritual lives of the teachers and officers.

2. A business session in which the needs of the department are considered; orders for supplies and equipment made out and the reports of enrollment and attendance.

3. A discussion of methods of work in which the order of the program will be considered, new songs learned and other items of regular program planned. The teaching methods will also be considered in this part of the program. Each teacher presenting in a general way her themes for the month and plans she has in mind.

(a.) All problems relating to individual children should come at this time.

(b) A portion of this method period should be used for discussion of some educational book or topic pertaining to your work, which should be presented and discussed.

As a means of creating interest in the workers conference among your teachers a typed copy of the program should be given the departmental teachers and other invited teachers. The meetings must be worth while and profitable, with a little fun and social courtesy also which help to establish the right spirit.

We trust that every organized elementary worker will begin, if they have not a workers' conference, and organized it. It is only through a workers' conference that you can accomplish worth while, organized work.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

By V. L. Smith

NATIONAL C. E. CONVENTION

This assembly arose with a two-fold purpose in mind and these will form the sub heads of the article.

A National Body

Like the Church, W. M. S. and Bible School Conventions, this Convention is composed of representatives from the State C. E. Conventions and should be governed by those, who specifically come up to its requirements.

Its trend in this connection is bound to take on the complexion of the State's expression of meeting if it ever serves in this capacity as it should. By this I mean it must recruit its body from those actively engaged in C. E. work in the State Conventions; elect its officers from the ranks of those who are real Endeavorers in their local and state loyalties; assess the state organizations and make its program and future development depend on the state Convention of Endeavor workers.

A Youth Agency

Despite the disposition of the Convention to relegate the C. E. to a minor and non-time-consuming agency it happens that it is the only real youth agency of the Convention. It seeks to keep in touch with all Endeavor Societies even where there is not a state organization. It seeks to promote Young People's Conferences as the district leadership training unit for Youth. It tries to put on its program those who are leaders in youth and in whatever part of the youth movement our brotherhood represents. It seeks to use as officers those people either by age or interest who are of the younger group of Convention goers, and it seeks to have the program meet the needs of youth and youth leaders.

Handicaps

1. Lack of time to put on a program last year at the very last when everyone was "worn to a frazzle" the C. E. tried to have a session on Saturday evening. The only success was in the social period.

2. Lack of planning for the youth portion of the Convention. So far the number has never been great enough to make a showing that would convince Convention Leaders of the very need of the youth centered activities of the National assembly.

3. Lack of financial and personal support on the part of State C. E. Conventions.

4. Reluctance of the entire Convention group to permit anything resembling simultaneous sessions, aided Conventions, separate groupings or fellow assemblies. The International Convention is composed of some seven Conventions. The National four with one of them completely eclipsed. The shortsightedness of these leaders will eventually alienate the youth group the Quo Vadis?

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the program of Christ of more value to the world than any highway? However training will move them as effectively as death or loss of position. Eho the venerable relic of yesterday that holds up our board be lacking in knowledge, there may awaken in them a willingness to be guided by the better that on the board. Breadth of vision, scope of activities, adaptability of talents and consecration must be engendered. Men of God's Church in the devil's employ are carrying more churches to the hell of oblivion than another power in the world. Opinions are rated as knowledge. Prejudices are called ability and there is confusion. Such a collection of men, for they are no board in the true sense, need knowledge to open their eyes and inspiration to consecrate their hearts to the task. The challenge comes to the church to train a board for its task in the responsibility it bears as well as in methods of discharging it.

Intensive Training

While the church departments as such afford little chance for

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A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

The most outstanding infidelity we can be guilty of is to begin to think in the spirit of faction and schism. I know we often have to deal with men and women who try us greatly and even resort to crookedness, but Jesus knew we would have such to deal with when He commanded us to go and make disciples of all the nations. He knew we would have such raw material to deal with. He expected us to be good enough to deal with them without being ruined ourselves.

Now let us apply this to ourselves. The Disciples of Christ number not far from two million members. They have from three to five hundred churches among the Negroes. The leaders are seeking to build up a cooperation between them that will finally annihilate them as one and will become a model for others to follow. But to succeed we must come in the spirit of Christ. We must not expect perfection in relations at once but we can expect perfection in purpose. This means that we must not cultivate the spirit of faction and strife, but we must sincerely seek for the better things. This we have not always done. It may be we are all guilty. We know some of us are guilty. When we came to the National Convention we tried to swing folks over against those who were sincere in their cooperation. We tried to do some things that we dared tell only to those that belonged to our faction. This defeated real success in any one year. So long as we did that, we could not claim God's blessing. The stone tied to the feet of the swimmer we were held down. A house divided against itself cannot stand. It must fall. It must fall. I may be here to tell you that the spirit of faction and strife, but we must not allow them to continue.

As for me myself, I have just one life to live and I have chosen to devote that to my best ability to the cause of helping the Negroes to find their place here and all other good people in the cause of human uplift. There would be nothing gained by me if I would ally myself with a faction. I have often opposed those whom I knew were factious and could not be trusted, but I have not hated them. I have earnestly longed for them to see the light and have prayed that they might be used in the Kingdom. I have always worked with those whom I thought I could work with, those whom I felt would reciprocate. I never wanted myself to be an object of division. Brethren, I wish we could all be like-minded. I have always sought those who could do the work, it mattered not whether they were from the S.C.U., the J.C.I., the P.C.I., or from some of the churches not our own.

Now brethren, there is no reason why we, the Disciples of Christ, should not go right to the front, except ourselves. If those white people, and they numbered hundreds of thousands, who want to fellowship the Negroes; and if those Negroes, and they number many who want to find their place in the world's great work, all work together harmoniously there is no reason why they should not easily forge to the front in this great work. But God will say to us, "Never more" if we continue to think in factions. God will not bless any movement that has for its object the building of a clan. The Italian made the Catholic Church and tried to force all people into it, but a smash came and the world suffered. The Old English made the Episcopalians and tried to hold all the English, but it broke. The Germans made the Lutherans and tried to hold all Germans and a smash came. Even our Negroes thought they could make an African church and hold all; but God's blessing is not on it and they are not going to succeed. Some of our own Disciples Negroes are dreaming of a Negro managed concern. It will not succeed. No church racially minded can succeed. The white Disciples must take the Negro in as a brother. The Negro Disciple must welcome him as a brother. Those white people who gave themselves up to the cause of the Negro had much to endure and no compensation but the few seeing the work prosper. May God keep us from faction and strife. There is enough and much more, for each of us to do if we but prove ourselves worthy. We may feel God's blessing is on us when our fellowship gets to the place where there is not faction and schism; we may feel His blessing is on it when our missionary offering grows in amount; we may feel that His blessing is upon it when our people begin to send their children in great numbers to our schools. Brother, sister, if you have been one of those who has gone to the convention with a whisper to favorites to help in a selfish game, repent and reform.

Let us be one so God's blessing can be upon us.

NEW YORK—On the recommendation of Forrester B. Washington, Director of the Atlanta School of Social Work, the Travelers' Aid Society of this city has just appointed Mrs. Sara D. King as one of its paid workers at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, one of the largest stations in the world. Mrs. King graduated from the Atlanta School of Social Work in the class of 1927-28 and has been employed by the Brooklyn Urban League. She is the daughter of Joseph Watson, well-known citizen of Albany, Ga.

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training locally, the specialization and standardization in religious and missionary education as afforded by our national headquarters and special staff workers permit unusually fine opportunities for intensive training. The Bible School superintendent and the Christian Endeavor officer, the missionary leader, all find special training in the courses. Schools of Methods, leadership training schools, institutes, Young Peoples' Conferences and missionary institutes and conferences are rapidly being permanently established throughout the country to better prepare leaders for our church schools and church auxiliary leaders.

The challenge to our brotherhood in this relation is two-fold. One is to continue thru convention church, auxiliary and individually the subsidies needed to establish these agencies. States, thru their conventions as in Kentucky, Ohio, Texas, Piedmont and others, are putting actual money into this task and there is no other way but sacrifice of funds that training may be at our command. Missionary and religious education is a technique and locally to be effective it requires specialized education in applying this technique. Is the church prepared to pay for its leadership? The other side of this challenge is to patronize these agencies as they come to you. The finest curriculum is of no effect if there are no pupils to take it. The best conference falls flat if the people do not utilize it to instruct themselves in the methods of accomplishing the task.

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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT
ARE THOSE WHO SERVE US "OUTSIDERS?"

We must cease thinking of our Brotherhood Agencies, such as our Schools, Church Paper, and Missionary enterprises or Institutions, as "Outsiders pressing upon the Church." They are creatures or "Children of the Church", established by the Church to produce Ministers, Field Workers, Officers, and Consecrated Laymen for the Church. These Brotherhood Agencies "are for themselves,", rather they are of and for the Church." Our Schools can by no means "Produce effectively for the Churches" until the Churches themselves fill to overflowing the classrooms of our schools from the choicest of its youth; our Schools should be immersed in the Spiritual power of the Church's prayers; they must feel about them the strong arms of the Church's financial support.

The time has fully come when the entire strength of the church must be put behind her Agencies, if they are to serve the best interests of our Churches. Few of us have a chance to do "The Big Things". None of us need neglect countless "Little Things" quite essential to the whole. Our Schools need our boys and girls. If you haven't children you can give your money for scholarship, buildings, and surely everyone can ill afford to be uninformed about the facts of our Schools and help "Advertise" and "Boost" them.

In a few weeks our Schools will be eagerly awaiting the arrival of our best boys and girls, are working, each one of us, for larger and better enrollment this fall in Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinville, Va., Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. If we do not "Boost" and "Support" our schools we can scarcely expect others to do so.

APPORTIONMENT FACTS FOR ALL

A common practice among many of our churches, who fail to put forth any effort to raise their apportionments and claims for world Missions, is finding frequent occasion for dissatisfaction about "Apportionments" when they themselves know they have not done their duty.

Doubtless some of our churches will appreciate this bit of information on "Apportionment Facts For All". Many have asked "How are apportionments made? What determines the share or amount each church should give?" Here is a very fine statement: "For the best information available we consider the number of members each church has; the financial conditions there prevailing; the record of what the Church has done or has not done over a period of years; our personal acquaintance with the field, and best of all, wherever possible, an expression is had from the local pastors, officials, and leaders as to the amount they feel would be right and just. Just as in the Local Church some members delight in paying nothing while others, because of interest and devotion, pay much; so in this respect some churches pay less than the average while others are happy to pay more according to their best ability.

The important thing is that every church should have some part in the great task of world mission, as a rule apportionments are intended to be small enough to be within the reach of the church but not so small as to be devoid of challenge to the Church; they are intended to be large enough to be representative of the best interest and loyalty of the Congregation and its ability to meet the needs of the work at large. On this basis we depend upon you, every individual member and local Congregation, between yourselves and God to decide what is right for you to do in regards to apportionments.

APPORTIONMENT AND QUOTAS

By MISS ALMA EVELYN MOORE

(Editors Note: Reproduced from the January first issue of the Christian Plea by request.)

What does the word "apportionment" or "quota" mean? The amount of money each organization is expected to give each year is not an arbitrary sum, set without reason. It is true that usually apportionments are larger each year, but if we will but think of what the word "quota" or "apportionment" actually means, I am sure that larger quotas year by year will be accepted readily. An apportionment is only your portion of the whole work, which we are doing. Simplify your share of the world-wide work that the church is doing through the United Society. These apportionments are judged, not only by local situations and by what has been given before, but also by the absolute needs of the work on the fields. If this apportionment is simply your share, your portion of the whole, can you not see what it means when the request is made to lessen or when it is not reached?

Each Mission field, or work has its own budget. This budget is cut to the very minimum that will actually carry on the work. This amount is then apportioned to the local churches and organizations. If you reach your apportionment you are bearing your share, or portion of the whole work. If you fail, unless some other church will pay your share, the work for which your money was apportioned must be closed or allowed to diminish.

Sometimes the request is made to do a piece of work outside the budget, for some work where one knows the need, also asking that this special work outside the budget shall count on an apportionment. All Special work on any Mission field is entirely outside of this budget, and of course is over and above local apportionment. It is the actual running expense on the field that is budgeted by them and apportionments are from this budget only. These other needs of which the missionary speaks are not only above their budget, but are over and above apportionments.

Our women, through the years have founded many fine pieces of work on the mission field. We have sent our missionaries. We have prayed that the Lord would bless their work and wonderful results have come. The work is growing year by year. An enlarged apportionment simply means...
CONVENTION SEASON IS HERE

The following Conventions have been held to date: Baltimore (early in July), Ill., July 17-19th; Kentucky July 24-28; Kansas, July 31-August 4th; Mo., August 6-11; Ohio, August 7-11; Piedmont, August 6-11; Oklahoma, August 13-18; Mississippi, August 13-18; Texas, August 14-17; Tenn., August 21-24; and then the great National Convention August 26-September 1st.

Every church should feel it a great privilege and an enjoyable duty to send several delegates to their respective State and National Conventions. The expense does not begin to compare to the benefit accrued therefrom, providing you send the best you have. We can ill afford to send some idle youngster or indifferent adult. Let us remember that there is much to be done and the matter of making a report to the Convention is but a part of the whole.

If the Convention is properly attended, on the part of delegates, it should mean intensive study, fine fellowship, hard, conscientious work as he or she senses the great need of un garnered fields already white unto the harvest. Usually there are problems to be solved, tasks to be performed, policies to be determined, programs to be shaped, information to be had, fellowship to be shared and burdens to be borne. Let us send our best, do our best and be our best selves for Christ during Convention week that others who see us may not curse the Church. As warning I should add: "Happy is the Convention goer who is blest with the sense of humor and possesses untiring patience; doomed is the Convention goer who is void of humor.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Reports of the Editor will say the Christian Plea has had a good year, in all probability, it indicates the worst is now past and has become Christian Plea History. You will doubtless be interested in the report that will appear later.

ONE-DAY CONVENTIONS OF UNITED SOCIETY

Begin October 14

(Reprinted)

The theme for the 212 One-Day Conventions of the United Christian Missionary Society, which begin October 14, is "Witnesing for Christ." The text is Acts 1:8. This is the seventh annual series of these gatherings.

The Brotherhood is looking forward to the Pentecost Convention at Washington, October 1930, and such terms as "Tarrying at Jerusalem" and "Witnesing for Christ" will take on new meanings in these meetings surcharged with the marvelous missionary passion and spiritual power which characterize the one-day conventions from coast to coast.

While these are primarily United Society conventions, representatives of state work, colleges and the Pension Fund are on the program. (Reprinted)

GREATEST YEAR OF NORMAL GIVING IN HISTORY OF UNITED SOCIETY

(Reprinted)

The report of the treasurer of the United Christian Missionary Society for the year ending June 30th shows a gain in receipts from promotional sources—churches, Bible schools, missionary societies, etc.—for the general fund of $86,770.07 over the previous year. This is the best record for any year in the history of the Society except 1925 when a nation-wide drive was conducted to raise $350,000 deficit. And receipts from promotional sources last year were within approximately $1,900 of the receipts of that "deficit," or special campaign year. In other words the past year's receipts are the best under normal or regular promotion in the history of the Society, the total being $1,099,535.36.

But while this is true the deficit of the Society's operating fund increased last year because of the cost of carrying on the growing work has increased more than the receipts have increased. Two examples will illustrate: The United Society cares for more than twice as many in the six homes for aged as were in these homes before the Society took over this work. In 1922 the ministerial roll of beneficiaries was 292 and the Society paid them $79,720.68, which was a large gain over preceding years. In 1923 there were 381 on this roll receiving $110,126.48. And so the work has grown all along, often much faster than receipts have increased. And that is what happened last year.

"CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

By HUGH S. CALKINS

(Head of Bible Choir at Lincoln Inst.)

(Expert's Note: Sensing the great need of our Schools for a larger enrollment of our choicest youth and a more thorough knowledge, a deeper and keener sense of appreciation of the work our Schools are attempting to do in behalf of our churches, we feel our Churches need to become better acquainted with our Schools, facilities, equipments, problems and needs. Too few of us seem to realize how helpless and hopefully our Churches depend, even unknowingly, upon our Schools for efficient leaders.

Experience shows that the students of our Church School go out, and as has been well said, become the mainstay of "The Home, the support of the Church, The Purifiers of Politics and the active friends of Education and benevolence. The Disciples may increase their forces for righteousness by helping to send out from our Church Colleges young men and women trained and thoroughly equipped for Christian Service." We have opened up this column on "Christian Education" with a hope that our parents might ultimately see the advantages of giving their Children a Christian Education. Prof. Calkins has kindly consented to contribute to this column for us.)

"Gawd Caint use Wat a man a'nt got."

When God has use for a man He must take that man as He finds him. No good farmer tries to raise cotton on a wheat farm. Soil, Season, Climate and cultivation all, have to be different. There are three qualifications which a man must possess to be used greatly of God. He must have a good body, good mind and good spirit. A good, strong, and well proportioned body is a great gift. A poor

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ARKANSAS
By MARY V. MOORE
Route 2, Box 169, Scott, Arkansas

Dear Christian Friends of Arkansas,

I am wondering just how much consideration you are giving to the Missionary Society of your Church. Are you thoroughly informed of the plans made by the State Board of the Women's Department of the Arkansas Convention. If not we are very anxious to have you know just what is expected of each Society.

We are fast approaching the September Convention which is to be held at Russellville, Arkansas. We are exceedingly anxious that each society go over the top in that Convention. To help energize you in putting over the top in that Convention, I want to say to each of you that your society at Mt. Sinai. It must report to you soon and if possible in our State Convention. We are being urged this on every Society to give that her work is put on the map at our National Convention. We have been discussing this on every Society in the State.

It was a great treat to have Brother Moss and Miss Chandler drop in on the people at Cross Street Christian Church. Both of them brought real worth while messages. We hope to have them back with us soon and if possible in our State Convention. We enjoyed a pleasant visit from our good President, J. N. Ervin and wife, who ran over from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where President Ervin is regaining his strength. We were certainly delighted to have them.

The following are the names of those who pledged at our State Convention who have paid up to May 15:

Prof. W. W. Payton $5.00
Supt. G. B. Hervey $5.00
Sarah L. Bostick $3.25
Mary Moore $2.50
John McFerlin $2.00
Mrs. Joe Smith $1.00
Mahala Moore $1.00
Mrs. Fuller $1.00
Leonard Martin $1.00
Total Paid $21.75
Balance due (by others who pledged) is $19.25. Please let us have your names and a word from you as soon as possible so that I might be able to report it to the paper. Half of this offering goes to the United Christian Society and the remainder goes for our State Work.

An Open Letter to the Women Missionary Societies of Arkansas

By The President of the State Board
MRS. S. L. BOSTICK,
N. Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Editor:

I wish to say that we enjoy reading every line of the Christian Plea and hope to see it in every Christian home by December 1930. Let Arkansas lead in this matter with at least two hundred names by that time. I think we can do it if we can secure the co-operation of the Christian Plea when we report letters from the State, which we send in from time to time. And especially the names of those who give monies. We endeavor to do the best thing when we report names and amounts given for we like for the folks to know that we are dealing right with everybody's money.

To our dear co-workers in the State this is to say a you and all of our Churches that each one of us as members and every department of the Church begin now and take up our monies for representation fees for the National Convention in Winston-Salem, N. C., August 26, 1929.

You have heard the warning of our National President, Elder Preston Taylor, about the importance of the Convention. Let every Department of the Church and every State heed the calling to send its representatives and delegates.

Personally I will say this about my society at Mt. Sinai. It must report to you so you may look for them. Though we are a small body and few in number we are loyal and faithful.

We have eleven societies in the State and we trust that every President will see that her work is put on the map at our National Convention. We have been discussing this on every Society in the State.

I am wondering just how much consideration you are giving to the Missionary Society of your Church. Are you thoroughly informed of the plans made by the State Board of the Women's Department of the Arkansas Convention. If not we are very anxious to have you know just what is expected of each Society.

We are fast approaching the September Convention which is to be held at Russellville, Arkansas. We are exceedingly anxious that each society go over the top in that Convention. To help energize you in putting over the top in that Convention, I want to say to each of you that your society at Mt. Sinai. It must report to you soon and if possible in our State Convention. We are being urged this on every Society to give that her work is put on the map at our National Convention. We have been discussing this on every Society in the State.

It was a great treat to have Brother Moss and Miss Chandler drop in on the people at Cross Street Christian Church. Both of them brought real worth while messages. We hope to have them back with us soon and if possible in our State Convention. We enjoyed a pleasant visit from our good President, J. N. Ervin and wife, who ran over from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where President Ervin is regaining his strength. We were certainly delighted to have them.

The following are the names of those who pledged at our State Convention who have paid up to May 15:

Prof. W. W. Payton $5.00
Supt. G. B. Hervey $5.00
Sarah L. Bostick $3.25
Mary Moore $2.50
John McFerlin $2.00
Mrs. Joe Smith $1.00
Mahala Moore $1.00
Mrs. Fuller $1.00
Leonard Martin $1.00
Total Paid $21.75
Balance due (by others who pledged) is $19.25. Please let us have your names and a word from you as soon as possible so that I might be able to report it to the paper. Half of this offering goes to the United Christian Society and the remainder goes for our State Work.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Christian Index, official organ of the white Baptists of Georgia, and one of the South's leading religious journals, pays a high tribute in a recent issue to Dr. P. J. Bryant, former pastor of White Street Baptist Church, who passed away last month. The editorial was written by Dr. Lousie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church and editor of the Index.
OHIO STATE ITEMS
By R. E. PEARSOn

The State Convention was good. Cleveland went beyond the expectation of possibly all delegates in the matter of caring for the Convention. She had planned to care for the delegates. Some churches fell down first in their plans. Then, other failures become the Natural order or sequence.

The Cleveland Church is blessed with fine lot of young people, who seem full of high intentions. The workshop or physical plant is super-excellent when compared with other such places of worship among Colored people. Brother Watson, has done great service already at Cleveland.

The signs are, the state is growing more Missionary at heart. We are learning to think more in terms of the world field, as regards our plans of Evangelistic work. Indeed, the field is the world.

Editor P. A. Gray, Mrs. Rosa Brown and Miss Chandler dropped in and contributed greatly to our fund of helpful talks upon live issues.

Eld. Geo. C. Campbell, who is the guiding hand of the church at Columbus, made a most glowing report of work done at that important point.

Whereas, we, who know of Brother Campbell's ability, should be glad to see him at the head of a larger membership, yet, it seems to us, the best Psychology is to place the strongest possible teacher with a leader of the weakest Church. Hence, the State and Brotherhood at large should look to Columbus and its struggling pastor and his few people with pride.

Brother Woody is holding the fort at Springfield, and the work seems safe in his hands.

Elder R. H. Davis, did not attend the State meeting. He was sick. He has done fine work in Cincinnati. The Church at Warren is planning to put on a little momentum after being checked by some little confusion. Both preachers involved there are good men and are willing to do the right, as they see it. Brother L. S. Bowles is pastor at Oxford, He did not attend the Convention, He had the misfortune of having two houses to burn down here near Lockland.

We feel proud of Lockland's Annual report this year. She paid up practically all assessments both State and National.

crooked body is a great gift also, but it puts one under a great strain to make good in a poor body. It can be done but it is more easily done in most instances with a good body. Any physical defect practically eliminates one from the attractive calling of teaching. School Boards and Superintendents will scarcely place a deformed teacher before the children in their class rooms. To do so has a bad psychological effect upon the pupil.

To be sure there are many kinds of work that men, with weak bodies, may do but almost all such work has to be done with much sacrifice of effort. David was "comely", aniel, "well favored", While Saul "stood head and shoulders above all the multitude." They who have good bodies, and well cared for, are fortunate indeed.

The ground of all God's Physical Creation is a healthy, clean and well-proportioned person.

However, one cannot be greatly used of God to bless humanity if he is equipped only "with" Good Looks".

The Physical machine must be well managed. It must have mind and heart. We now wish to consider the mental equipment one needs in order to become a good servant of all.

The mind is received very much the same as was the body. It is given, and is determined partly, (many Scientists say wholly) by the body. No doubt it is also true that the mind may have a deal to do with the forming of the body. There are surely inherited traits of both mind and body. There is this great difference, however, the mind is more subject to one's own efforts at development than is the body. Most people can make for themselves a good mind.

Bearing poor health or some nervous defect there seems to be no limit as to what the human mind may attain. So a good mind may be even a greater gift than a good body besides a good mind is much more a man's gift to himself. America is the Haven of General Education. The opportunities for mental discipline and culture in our Public Schools are many and varied. It is rare indeed where schooling is out of the reach of the average girl or boy, and those communities where such opportunities are rapidly becoming fewer and smaller.

Finally, it requires more than a perfect and well trained mind in a perfect body to enable one to serve God to the utmost. Indeed one may have one or both of these fine gifts and still be a menace to society. Many Atheists have dull or indifferent minds, while some of our modern criminals are found to be graduates, or at least to have attended some of our institutions of high learning, and many noted criminals are very intelligent. God needs men and women of good bodies and well trained minds, to be cure, but one cannot be greatly used of God unless his heart or spirit is right.

There is a great question as to how much is due to environment or training. It is very evident that our minds are most of our own personal making than are our bodies. Physically we resemble our parents; mentally we may resemble them less. It is probably true that in our attitudes toward society we resemble them least, and are more and more personally responsible for our loves and hatreds, of kindnesses and our meannesses. In other words we behave pretty much as we please. We may say, "He stole her heart", but, at any rate, "She gave him her hand". Whether a man is a sheep or a goat rests entirely with him in the last analysis.

Our schools are splendidly equipped to train the bodies of our children. So also are they even more perfectly equipped with trained teachers, with libraries and laboratories to train their minds. We wonder what they are doing to train their hearts. Some of our observations along this line may appear later if the readers are interested in this department of "Christian Education". We may even discuss some of the characteristics of the rightly trained heart, as well as some of the methods and opportunities for such training.

We conclude by calling attention to the fact that Samson was a well trained body; Solomon was a well trained mind; but it was David who was called "The man after my heart."

FIELD SECRETARY VISITS MEMPHIS

Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubb, Field Secretary of the National Convention of the Church of Christ spoke at the Christian Church, corner of Mississippi Boulevard and Stephen Place, Sunday, September 29th. She had a special message for women.
OUR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND THEIR CHALLENGE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH

(Continued from page three)

An Educated Ministry

Next to the universal cry for a reawakening of spirituality among our youth is the demand for a system of training that will give a trained, consecrated ministry to the brotherhood. Out of this age-long demand was born the Christian Institutes, Southern Jarvis, Alabama, Piedmont, Central and with varying success they have accomplished their aim as long as the membership of our brotherhood remained Southern rural. But with the hegira to the cities better equipped for administering elementary education to our youth, the magnetic power of these schools to our youth is lessening. Boys and

The need challenging our church in relation to our schools is to equip them with a strong Bible chair so strong in its teachings, so sound in its doctrine, so compelling in its idealism, so vigorous in its efforts and so standardized in its academic qualifications that at least five young men are entering the ministry or some school for higher divinity training. From the three schools that would mean a potential power of twenty men per year from our three schools and the Lincoln Bible Chair to take the place of those fallen heroes of yesterday and to crusade for Christ in the urban centers that are swallowing up our membership by the hundreds. What a challenge. Can it remain unanswered?

Another source of training and ministerial supply is our Christian Colleges, Hiram, Drake, Eureka, Cotner and Butler. At least two of these are equipped with divinity schools that can not only give the best theology but also has the old faith of the fathers that has so characterized our religion and brotherhood, I refer to Drake and Butler. Each of these offer a liberal education that is fully accredited and the school of religion offers the best our brotherhood has in the way of Christian training for our leaders. In Eureka we have a very fine course in Religious education. Not only is the training available but there are opportunities for scholarships that reduce to a minimum the cost of such education. There is no legitimate excuse for a young man who wants to equip himself for real service in the Kingdom of God to fail to do so. In addition to the above Christian Colleges there are other opportunities for academic advancement in the chairs and facilities of such universities as Yale and Chicago. Ever so often the portals of Boston and Columbia swing open to some special training religious education for our leaders in that line.

Oh, friends, what doth hinder us from being a Christian, increasing in wisdom among our leaders even as the great Teacher did when he was the great Learner? If he had not taken the trouble to be the great Learner he would have been a failure. Can we as His followers do less in preparing our leaders? In present circumstances the supply is exceeding the demand. Pray ye that workers and learners may be sent to reap this great store of opportunity that lies white unto harvest. With these innumerable advantages on every hand, our girls will not go south to a school in doubtful standing educationally from a public school in full standing with the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. With the dawning interest in education and the urge to take higher education, the Christian Institute suffer still more in their a-\nonymous position of depending on the individual scholarships of their graduates. The price of education precludes long trips without corresponding advantages.

Our schools have turned out our readership for this generation, but only Jarvis is preparing to turn out a leadership for the next. In spite of the accreditation that might come, the secretary of education (Mr. Hugh S. Colkins) tells us that the Southern Christian Institute will never be recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The practice of turning good religiously minded individuals toward these schools is indeed a fine achievement but that is not giving value received for the amount spent there. Even in these, the urge to the ministry is not as great as will provide enough men for the task. Where is the active minister who has graduated from our schools in the last five years who is today placed in a strategic position in our active church life as a minister?

churches one and all, conventions, assemblies and every Christian organization ought to present the joy and service of the ministry to the youth that tomorrow's church may be a worthy successor of today's opportunities.

Even as of old the armies of the Lord were decimated by the wrath of heathen emperors so today the youth ought to be tithe for service in the present army of the Lord.

For The Present Leadership

An increasing realization of the needs for trained ministers has been born among the present leaders and the various opportunities ought to be grasped avidly. State schools, ministers' retreats, courses, seminars all are offering the present generation new ideas and fresh visions in the day's need. Not only is the training informational but also devotional and there is a consequent renewal of the spiritual vigor that the minister may be more truly the man of God. City ministers' alliance, are also found a short two or three day return to the student attitude a very satisfying way to revitalize the spiritual and mental life of the leaders. Joint brotherhood seminars as the one held at Fisk and in which Eld. J. J. Green of Missouri conducted a lecture course, is one example of the opening chances for study offered our ministers. Ohio in its state institution offers the the ministers of Ohio a summer course, advantage of which has been taken by some of our brethren of Ohio. The challenge to our church in this relationship is to help establish and maintain and promulgate any and every chance that might come to the present pastor to better fit himself for today and its task. A trained ministry is today's need as well as tomorrow's demand.

Summarized our needs are for a trained congregational leadership, an intensified interest in special leadership agencies for auxiliary leaders. More educational training in demand and progress among our future leadership and a learning attitude on the part of our present ministers.

A challenge supreme is ours. What shall be our answer?